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FAR EAST DANGER SIGNALS Serious View Taken In London

BRITONS LEAVING SAIGON

Although the British consulate has not given orders, a proportion of the small British colony in Saigon is evacuating on Monday to Singapore.

The party consists chiefly of women and children.

The movement of Japanese troops through Saigon is abating somewhat, giving rise to the supposition that they are making more use of water-borne traffic up the Mekong mouths.

All official French buildings in Saigon have suddenly started sporting enormous white crosses on the roofs.

It is understood this is due to a Vichy order to ensure the safety of French property in the event of an armed conflict in the Far East, which indicates French non-belligerency.—*Reuter*.

Another Raid On Sicily

Another war base in Italy has been raided by British aircraft, it was revealed in yesterday's Cairo R.A.F. communique.

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT FLEET AIR ARM AIRCRAFT ATTACKED THE SUBMARINE BASE AT AUGUSTA, IN SICILY.

Many direct hits from a low altitude with heavy bombs were scored.

R.A.F. and South African bombers during the same night raided Derna, Benghazi and other ports in Italian and German hands.

Three enemy planes were destroyed in a raid on Malta the same night.—*Reuter*.

AUSTRALIA'S POLICY

THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION WAS THE SUBJECT OF A CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER IN WASHINGTON, MR. R. C. CASEY, AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, YESTERDAY.

Mr. Casey declined to comment on Japan's southward expansion beyond saying "Australia strongly believes that the place to defend Australia is as far away from Japan as possible."—*Reuter*.

Tokyo Massing In Manchukuo And On Thai Border

SEVEN AND EIGHT COLUMN BANNER HEADLINES IN LAST EVENING'S LONDON NEWSPAPERS CARRIED THE NEWS, LEARNED IN AUTHORITATIVE LONDON QUARTERS EARLIER IN THE DAY, THAT THAILAND IS "UNDOUBTEDLY IN A POSITION OF DANGER."

The "Evening Standard" headlined its report "Japan threatens Thailand and Vladivostok. One million of the Soviet's best troops ready. Tokyo masses in Manchukuo."

The "Evening News" headlines read: "Japan masses striking force 100 miles from Vladivostok. Siam's position dangerous," and gave prominence to the Tokyo broadcast yesterday that "war may come at any moment."

A review of the war situation given in authoritative quarters in London yesterday shows that in Manchukuo the Japanese are reported to be massing possible striking forces between Harbin and the northern border of Korea—about 100 miles from Vladivostok—while in Indo-China the Japanese have occupied Siemreap, 250 miles from Bangkok, capital of Thailand, which country was described as "undoubtedly in a position of danger."

It is thought in London that Thailand would do its best to resist if Japan took military action.

In The North

During the past few weeks the Japanese have been reinforcing their 250,000 men in Manchukuo and northern Korea and there is evidence they are preparing more defensive positions.

Japan would have no difficulty in reinforcing its armies in Manchukuo and Korea through Port Arthur and Dalny, but it is pointed out that the Russian army in Siberia is very strong.

The Russian Far East army has a total strength of roughly 1,000,000 men, is composed of the most highly-trained and best-equipped Soviet troops and has good generals.

The Japanese have the disadvantage of having to keep a great part of their military strength in China.

Thailand's Position

They have landed 50,000 men in Indo-China and are occupying eight aerodromes in that country. Thailand's armed forces total about 50,000 and its equipment is fairly limited, although their air force makes up for its limited size by its quality.

EMPHASIS WAS LAID IN LONDON ON THE BELIEF THAT IF JAPAN ATTEMPTED TO ATTACK SINGAPORE HER RESOURCES WOULD BE TAXED TO THE UTMOST.

Huge sums have been spent on making Singapore more powerful, and the British Air Force there is superior in quality to anything Japan can bring against it. Reinforcements have recently been sent.

The Malay Princes are co-operating enthusiastically in plans for the defence of their country. Burma is now also in a far more favourable position to repel any assailant.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE STICK TO STORY

Japan has no designs on Thailand—she is on very good terms with that State," declares the "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

The paper accuses Britain of "raising the Japanese bogey to camouflage her own aggressive intentions for strengthening Singapore through the creation of advance bases at the expense of Thailand."

Mr. Suzuki, well-known editorial commentator of the "Yomiuri Shimbun," writing in the August issue of the journal "Japan," while admitting the "general situation forbids us to deny the possibility of war between Japan and the United States," expresses the view that if America is to extend "effective aid" to Great Britain she will "find it imperative to avoid as far as possible any antagonism of Japan."—*Reuter*.

BRITISH INVASION VISIONS

The prospect of a British invasion of the Continent is beginning to be put forward in the American press as not outside the realms of possibility.

An expedition somewhere to the north, possibly with Russian collaboration, is now being regarded as both practicable and logical.

THE DANGERS OF SUCH AN OPERATION ARE NOT MINIMISED BUT IT IS FELT THAT BRITAIN HAS FORCES EQUAL TO THE TASK.

The New York "Daily Mirror" in particular deprecates the "blitzkrieg" and suggests that an invasion of Nazi-occupied territory might well be attempted.—*Reuter*.

RUSSO-BELGIAN RELATIONS

Arrangements have been made for an exchange of representatives between the Governments of Soviet Russia and Belgium following a meeting yesterday of the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Paul Spaak, and the Russian Ambassador to Britain, M. Ivan Maisky.

The meeting took place at the Secretary of State's room at the Foreign Office.—*Reuter*.

THAIS BAN JAPANESE AIRCRAFT

It is reported in Saigon that Thailand has refused passage to a four-motored Japanese passenger seaplane from Saigon to Bangkok.

The plane was due to pick up the Thai delegates to the Boundary Commission who have not yet arrived.—*Reuter*.

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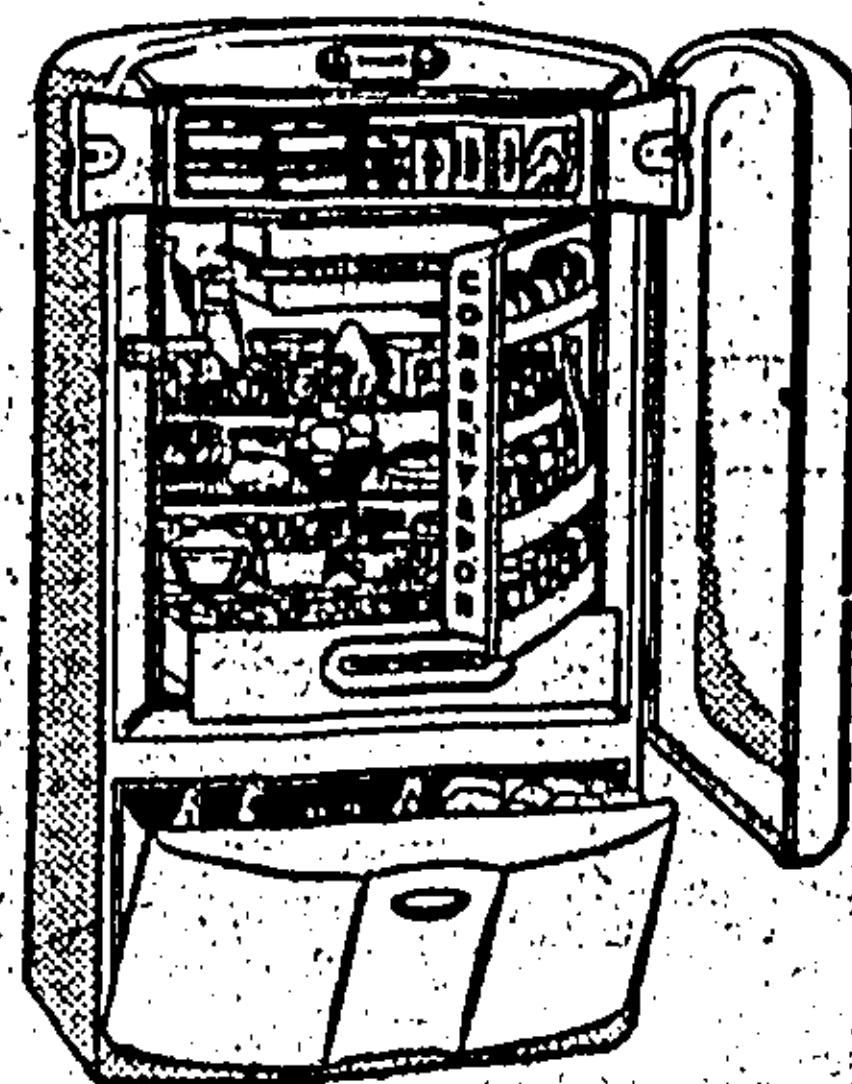
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Initiative In Middle East Passes Entirely To Cairo

AXIS FEARS AN EARLY OFFENSIVE

THE INITIATIVE in the Western Desert has now passed into British hands completely, it was stated in authoritative quarters in London yesterday.

The Axis powers, instead of threatening an attack on Egypt, are talking nervously of the possibility of the British attacking Libya, Sicily and the Greek islands.

It was stated that the recent British offensive on the Sollum front took such toll of German armoured fighting vehicles as to rule out an offensive by the Nazis on that front in the near future, even if it were possible while Tobruk is still holding out.

The British invasion of Syria finally wrecked Hitler's whole Middle East plans and put an end to the northern prong of his two-pronged attack — through Libya and Cyrenaica, on one hand, and through the Balkans on the other.

Italian resistance in East Africa is now limited to the Gondar and Wolcheit pockets.

Gondar is estimated to have about 3,000 white Italian troops and 6,000 natives, and Wolcheit a similar number of white troops and 1,000 natives.

Surrounded

This is causing Britain to keep some troops in East Africa to mop up the enemy but the enemy, surrounded and unable to get supplies, would eventually fall into British hands.

All possible troops have been shifted to other parts of the Middle East, and the British have had to block the territory linking Egypt with Turkey, safeguarding Cyprus and shielding Iraq.

Although the German advance in Russia is held and has slowed down everywhere, the Nazis still hold the initiative but undoubtedly the German High Command is disappointed at the slowness of the advance and the heavy losses.

Russian Situation

Latest reports indicate no great change in the Russian situation.

Hitler's armies on the Smolensk front are more or less stationary.

The Nazis are progressing in the Ukraine in a south-easterly direction and if the thrust there gains any considerable success, they might be able to get to the Caucasus and so towards the British Middle East positions.

The Russian army in Siberia is very strong being composed of the most highly-trained and best-equipped Soviet troops. It proved itself superior in the frontier clashes with the Japanese. — Reuter.

DOUBLY MIRACULOUS

COMMENTING ON WEDNESDAY'S GERMAN SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE THE SWISS PAPER "NEUE ZUERCHER NACHRICHTEN" WRITES:

"If the figures given correspond to the truth it appears doubly miraculous that the Red Army is fighting just the same without a sign of exhaustion, and is even hitting back."

The Berlin correspondent of the "Gazette de Lausanne" writes: "It is natural that the special communique should raise public morale after these long weeks of silence but for our part we have not observed any new fact in these military statements which, however, officially confirmed the Russian Army's importance and power of resistance, which nobody dared predict." — Reuter.

JUMP IN CRIME AFTER AIR RAIDS

Sir Philip Game, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, in his report to Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, on the work of the Metropolitan Police during 1940, pays tribute to the way Londoners have faced intensive air raids.

"I would like to emphasise," he says, "the universal feeling among all ranks of the force that their task has been immeasurably lightened by the magnificent reaction of the public and the courage and determination shown by all classes of people."

The Commissioner reveals that there were 4,584 cases of looting during the year; 1,662 were in October, 1,463 in November and 920 in December. The worst month for crime was October, a month after the heavy raids started.

Slight Drop In Crime

Indictable crimes in 1940 totalled 93,869, or one per cent. fewer than in the previous year. Whereas the outbreak of war was followed by a reduction of crime, the air raids produced an increase.

Up to the end of December, 98 police officers lost their lives through raids and 505 were injured.

Of looting, the Commissioner says: "With the possible exception of manslaughter it is difficult to imagine any offence in which what might be described as moral blame can vary more widely. The original outcry for heavy sentences in every case which technically fell within the definition has died down as this has become more widely recognised."

The most distressing feature of the crime had been the number of cases in which members of public services had abused positions of trust. Of the looters 14 per cent. were described as schoolboys and 45 per cent. were under 21.

Steps had to be taken to curtail the activities of the more undesirable entertainment houses and to warn members of the Forces against them. But the tendency for members of the Forces on leave to "let themselves go" has been far less noticeable than in the last war.

DOCTOR'S WIFE FIGHTS BOMBS

AFTER A GERMAN RAIDER HAD DROPPED A NUMBER OF INCENDIARY BOMBS ON A SOUTH-EAST COAST TOWN A DOCTOR AND HIS WIFE RAN OUT TO DEAL WITH THEM.

They found a police constable and a warden stamping on bombs in the road, and joined in dumping sand and sandbags on other fires.

They then left to deal with bombs burning on a tennis court and in back gardens. On the way the doctor's wife saw a fire in a top room of an unoccupied furnished house.

Followed by the policeman, she fetched sandbags, then entered the house and crawled into a room to find a bomb burning in the centre of a bed. The flames were put out with the sandbags. Meanwhile the doctor had been putting out other bombs.

Another raider at the same time dropped nine high explosive bombs, but all fell on grazing land.

ROOSEVELT PROPOSAL APPROVED

The U.S. Senate yesterday approved keeping conscripts in service for 18 months beyond the present active service periods, says Reuter from Washington.

CHINESE VICTORY AT ICHANG

AFTER DESPERATE FIGHTING THE JAPANESE COLUMNS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BACK, LEAVING 1,700 DEAD NEAR THE WALLED CITY OF ICHANG, THE CHINESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID IN CHUNGKING.

The Chinese have captured large quantities of arms and supplies.

The Japanese forces in the vicinity of Ichang have launched three unsuccessful attacks recently to disperse the Chinese concentrations, the spokesman added. — Reuter.

GIRLS ARE TO DO R.A.F. JOBS

Girls are to take over men's jobs as ground crews on fighter and bomber airfields throughout Britain under a scheme planned by the Air Ministry.

The girls, specially picked from the ranks of the W.A.A.F., will be trained as flight-mechanics.

By taking over this work hundreds of skilled male engineers acting in ground crews will be released for other duties.

"A mechanical mind and quick thinking are all the qualification necessary for this new women's job," an Air Ministry official told the "Daily Mirror".

"So far it is planned to train a small number as a 'try-out'. Later it is hoped to extend the scheme throughout the country."

Another new job open to members of the W.A.A.F. is parachute packing. For this it is thought one time laundry hands, experienced in packing materials neatly will be most suitable.

It is planned to train women with special knowledge as radio operators, as mechanics to work on air-frames as well as engines, instrument repairers and electricians.

SHARP CLASH ON FRINGES OF TOBRUK

EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS made in the Italian communique in regard to an attack by British troops on enemy positions in the salient at Tobruk were refuted by authoritative quarters in London yesterday.

It is stated enemy casualties were heavy although a correct estimate is impossible.

British casualties were 28 killed, 104 wounded and eight missing, D.E.E. EAST COMMUNIQUE IN CAIRO.

Heavy fighting took place round a post on the enemy's left flank where 28 of the enemy were killed.

The British troops, after fierce fighting, entered a post on the enemy's right flank.

The enemy then put down a very heavy mortar and machine-gun barrage, causing many casualties to their own troops as well as the British.

After dark information was received that the post on the enemy's left flank had been captured and held by two officers and 17 men, including eight badly wounded. They had eight German prisoners.

Strong infantry parties were sent over to relieve the post but they were delayed by fire and meanwhile the enemy attacked and overpowered the garrison. — Reuter.

Dust Storms

DUST STORMS LIMITED ACTIVITIES IN LIBYA ON WEDNESDAY, ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S BRITISH MID-

The communique stated: "In Libya extremely heavy dust storms have temporarily limited the activities of our raiding parties in the Tobruk area but under cover of the dust one of our fighting patrols attacked an enemy post, inflicting casualties and capturing prisoners and weapons."

"In the frontier area our artillery and machine-guns engaged the enemy and one of our patrols, surprising a small enemy column, took a prisoner." — Reuter.

CHARGE CONDEMNED

"The most appalling technical charge of manslaughter it has ever been my misfortune to try," was the comment of Mr. Justice Charles at Leeds Assizes. Stanley Myrtle Holmes, 19, a gardener, Littlethorpe, near Ripon, was found not guilty and acquitted after being accused of the manslaughter of Joseph Harold Reynolds, a 13-year-old schoolboy, Alcey Road, Ripon.

Holmes was alleged to have accidentally shot Reynolds while poaching rabbits. The prosecution submitted that if death was caused during an unlawful act it was manslaughter.

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WASHINGTON MAKES UP MIND

Decides Mr. Churchill Is With Pres. Roosevelt

By A Process Of Elimination

AS FAR AS WASHINGTON IS CONCERNED THE ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL AFFAIR HAS PRACTICALLY CEASED TO BE A MYSTERY.

It is argued that Mr. Churchill could be absent in only two places — either in Moscow or with President Roosevelt, and it is thought that any arrival in Moscow could hardly be covered by such an impenetrable blanket of secrecy.

Hence the conviction that the British Prime Minister must be with President Roosevelt.

Interest yesterday therefore centred not in whether they are meeting but why.

Some of the best political observers are of opinion that the meeting portends enormous events and steps.

ONE THEORY IS THAT MR. HARRY HOPKINS BROUGHT BACK WORD FROM MOSCOW OF THE URGENCY OF FULL SUPPORT FOR RUSSIA, TO ENSURE THAT SHE COULD HOLD GERMANY.

If they are actually meeting, its importance seems to be shown by the fact that no diplomatic exchanges or arrangements preceded it.

"Great Secret"

There is strong reason to believe the State Department knew nothing of the meeting or the arrangements for it. It is felt the details were known only to three men—President Roosevelt, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Churchill.

It was thought in Washington yesterday that if it is true that the American Chiefs of Staff and Col. Frank Knox (Secretary of Navy) were with President Roosevelt, then Mr. Churchill was probably not there, because of the obvious political repercussions in Congress to the British Prime Minister talking to the heads of America's fighting Services.

More "Fishing"

However, there is fairly convincing evidence that General George Marshall and General Arnold are both fishing in Chesapeake Bay, nowhere near President Roosevelt's resort at Campobello, and there is no real evidence that Admiral Stark and Colonel Knox have gone there either.

Meanwhile an official despatch from the presidential yacht "Potomac" states President Roosevelt is keeping in close touch with international affairs by naval radio. THE DESPATCH ADDED THE WEATHER WAS EXCELLENT AND THE FISHING GOOD.

There was no mention of the rumours of a possible Roosevelt-Churchill meeting.—Reuter.

WAR BOND CHANGES

Certain technical changes are announced in the Treasury's war borrowing.

After August 14 the present issue of 2½ per cent. National War Bonds, 1940-48, which now total some £400 millions, will be discontinued.

The issue of 3 per cent. Savings Bonds, 1955-65, will continue substantially unchanged.

Thus the Treasury will revert to the earlier practice of relying solely on one market issue.

As an encouragement to small investors the maximum life of 3 per cent. Defence Bonds available through Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks will be increased from seven to 10 years, effective on September 1.

Savings Certificates and other features of the Defence Bonds will be unchanged.—Reuter.

Danger From The East

"I am confident India will rise to even greater heights of glory than in the last war to the defence of her territory and the Empire," said the Maharajah of Patiala to Reuter in Singapore yesterday.

He added: "I am glad to see the Indian troops happy and proud to fill an important role in Empire defence."

"India is determined to defeat the enemy and the day is not far when the latter will be completely destroyed."

He added India realised the danger from the East. The war effort of the Princes of India was such that if the call came India's response would not suffer for lack of men.—Reuter.

AIR LOSSES COMPARED

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary for Air, gave an analysis showing the number of British, German and Italian aircraft lost or destroyed on all fronts, excluding the Russian, during May, June and July, in answer to a Commons question yesterday.

Sir Archibald explained that the analysis was compiled from British official communiques.

In May, 149 British planes were lost, 335 Germans and three Italian.

In June, the figures were 227 British, 277 German and 52 Italian.

In July, the British lost 285, the Germans 326 and the Italians 64.

This gave a total over the three months of 661 British, 938 German and 119 Italian.

British losses include those incurred in Iraq and Syria.

Enemy losses do not include aircraft whose nationality was not established or aircraft destroyed by the Fleet Air Arm or by the guns of British warships or merchant vessels.—Reuter.

R.A.F. KEEPS UP STERN OFFENSIVE

FURTHER WIDESPREAD activities by the R.A.F. over Germany and Northern France were reported in an Air Ministry communique issued yesterday.

The communique stated that Bomber Command aircraft seeking enemy shipping in daylight on Wednesday bombed a small convoy escorted by destroyers off the Dutch coast.

After the attack one vessel was seen down by the stern with smoke pouring from it.

On Wednesday night, although the weather was even less favourable than the previous night, Bomber Command aircraft attacked objectives in Frankfurt, Mannheim and Karlsruhe.

More large fires were started and a considerable weight of bombs dropped in each city. Eight aircraft are missing from the night's operations.

Fighter Attacks

Fighter Command aircraft attacked a number of aerodromes in Northern France during the night. One aircraft is missing.

Coastal Command aircraft torpedoed an enemy vessel off the Norwegian coast during the night and bombed an aerodrome in Norway. One aircraft is missing.—Reuter.

U.S. NOT SATISFIED

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, told his press conference yesterday that the Note from France was substantially along the lines reported in press despatches from Vichy.

Asked whether the new assurances were satisfactory, Mr. Hull said he still wished to know more about what was happening in Vichy.

Mr. Hull indicated that the Vichy Note might be published later.

His remarks led some observers in Washington to infer that the Note in itself has failed to satisfy the U.S. Government entirely regarding the defence of French Africa and other military bases and concessions.—Reuter.

OIL FIRE DISASTER ON THAMES

It is learned that a serious fire and explosion occurred on Tuesday at the premises of a firm engaged in the manufacture of oil products on Thames side.

Seven casualties were reported, and the cause of the fire is being investigated.—Reuter.

GERMAN LOSSES OF SUPPLIES

During the past 18 months, said Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, in the Commons yesterday, the Germans imported from the Soviet substantial quantities of essential war materials, including cereals, oil, timber, manganese, chrome and cotton.

Oil imports for this period were in the neighbourhood of one million tons, including lubricants and aviation spirit.

In addition, the trans-Siberian railway was Germany's only link with the Far East and during recent months goods reached Germany by this route at a rate well over 500,000 tons yearly.

They consisted mainly of animal and vegetable oils and fats but also included rubber, tin, copper and tungsten.

Immediate result of Germany's unprovoked aggression against

AVIATION PETROL SHORTAGE

Mr. Harold J. Ickes, U.S. Petroleum Administrator, yesterday announced that four American tankers are taking transport and aviation petrol to Russia.

At the same time he told reporters that there was a shortage of aviation petrol in the United States which might possibly have severe effects on military and commercial flying unless the capacity for producing it was increased immediately.

Mr. Ickes added that the transfer to Russia might contribute to a limited general petroleum shortage in West Coast areas and declared a compulsory plan to conserve petrol on the East Coast might be not far ahead.

Mr. Ickes concluded by saying that despite the efforts to influence motorists to cut down consumption the amount used on the Atlantic seaboard had actually materially increased in the last fortnight.

"Causing Concern"

The problem of increasing America's capacity for producing aviation petrol, which requires special machinery, will be taken up by Mr. Ickes on August 11 at a meeting in Washington of the chairman of regional oil industry committees.

Mr. Ickes added that the situation regarding aviation petrol was "causing a good deal of concern".—Reuter.

MR. LYTTLETON

BOUND FOR SYRIA

Mr. Oliver Lyttleton, Minister of State, accompanied by his wife, stayed on Wednesday night at Government House in Jerusalem as guests of the High Commissioner. They are on the way to Syria.—Reuter.

Russia was, of course, to cut off further supplies from and through Russia. Nor, as things are, could these be replaced by German imports from any other source.—Reuter.

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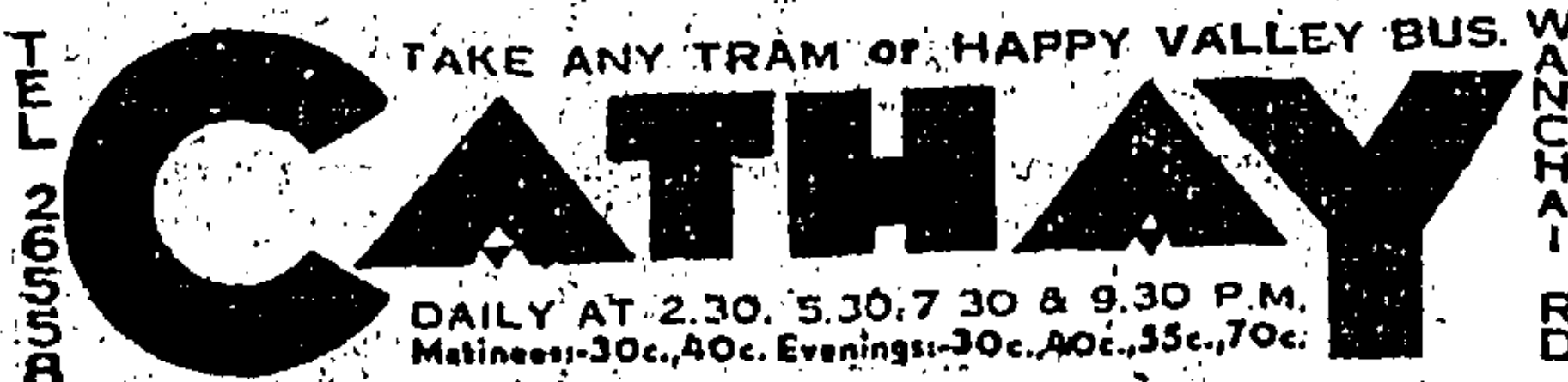


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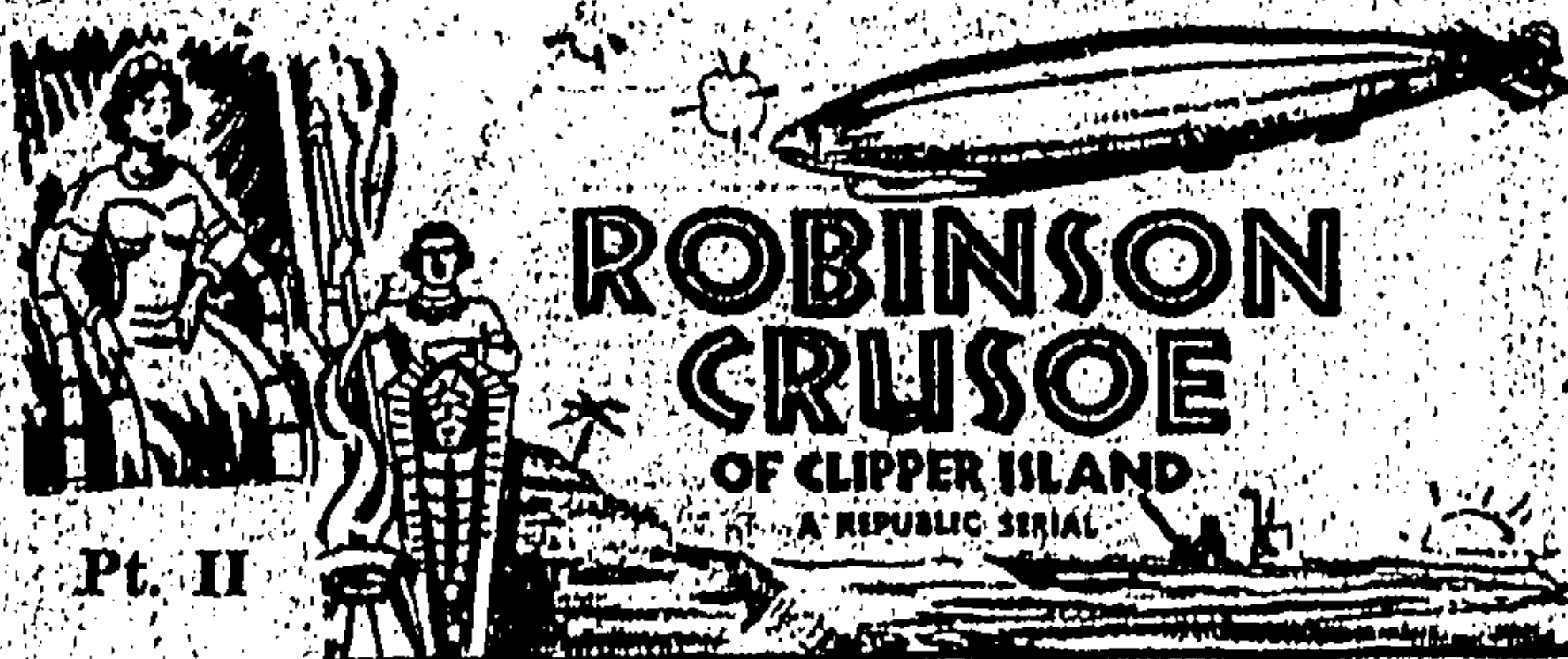
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BRITAIN MUST NOT BURN THEM: NEW FIRE GUARD SYSTEM

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

"BRITAIN MUST NOT BURN" is the
theme of a new decision by Government re-
garding fire-fighting in residential areas.

In the opinion of Mr. Herbert Morrison,
Home Security Minister, the people's fire-
bomb army must have both adequate num-
bers and the esprit de corps that comes from
good organisation and training.

To secure these he is issuing instructions ren-
dering all men between 16 and 60 in vulnerable areas
liable to compulsory enrolment unless they are in
exempted classes.

Henceforth the fire guard will
form part of the air raid warden
service but with their own officers
and organisation.

PEERESS' FINANCE SUMMONS

LADY HAMBRO, EGERTON-
GARDENS, S.W., FAILED TO
APPEAR AT BOW STREET
POLICE-COURT TO ANSWER
SEVEN SUMMONSES ALLEG-
ING OFFENCES AGAINST THE
WAR FINANCE REGULATIONS.

Mr. A. Lawson-Walton, repre-
senting the Director of Public
Prosecutions, explained that Lady
Hambro's solicitors had informed the
Director that their offices had
been damaged, and asked if there
would be any objection to an ap-
plication for an adjournment. Lady
Hambro had been informed that
it would not be necessary for her
to attend the court that day.

The magistrate, adjourning the
case, said there appeared to have
been a misunderstanding.

DEATH MYSTERY OF AMY JOHNSON

MONTHS AFTER MISS AMY
JOHNSON'S PLANE CRASHED
IN THE THAMES ESTUARY,
THE IDENTITY OF HER COM-
PANION, SEEN WITH HER IN
THE WATER, REMAINS A
MYSTERY.

Able Seaman R. A. C. Dean, of
H.M. trawler Haslemere, said at
the Chatham inquest on Lt.-Cmdr.
W. E. Fletcher, 34, who died in
trying to rescue Miss Johnson,
that he saw two people floating
towards him, one was a woman.
They tried to reach her with lines
but failed.

An officer said that he saw
Cmdr. Fletcher reach one of the
bodies, but he had to let go.
"A very gallant action," said the
coroner, Mr. T. B. Bishop, who
recorded a verdict of "death by
misadventure."

NO NAZI KINDNESS

"It sounds incredible, but un-
fortunately it is true, that there
are still Germans who feel friendly
towards the Poles," says the Nazi
party newspaper "Voelkischer
Beobachter."

"Last Christmas the Nazi leader
at Uberlingen (near Constance,
Baden) discovered that, with the
approval of her mother, a 22-
year-old woman had decorated a
Christmas tree for the Polish
prisoners of war working at her
parents' farm. This utter shame-
lessness has been punished with a
sentence of 30 months' hard
labour for the daughter and 18
months for the mother."

BREWERY OUTPUT HALVED

Because it has difficulty
in getting coal, a South
of England brewery has
cut its beer output by half
for the past three weeks.

The directors state: "The short-
age of bottled beer is particularly
acute owing to the large volume
of power which is required in the
process of bottling of beers and in
the washing of empty bottles."

In London there is no shortage
of beer; but elsewhere there are
local variations in supply, parti-
cularly in the Midlands. Trans-
port difficulties, rather than a gen-
eral shortage of any one material,
are the cause.

The manager of a London firm
of brewers said: "There is enough
beer to go round in this part of
the world. Where shortages exist
they can be put down to trans-
port, unevenness of demand, and
other local conditions brought
about by the war. I do not know
that coal is a main cause."

Another manager said: "We are
actually supplying another
brewery, and we should not be
doing that if we were short of
coal. Nor is the other brewery's
trouble a shortage of coal."

FRENCH-GERMAN INSURANCE PLAN

BRITISH INSURANCE COM-
PANIES HAVE BEEN PRACTI-
CALLY ELIMINATED FROM
THE FRENCH MARKET AS A
RESULT OF AN AGREEMENT
SIGNED IN PARIS BETWEEN
FRENCH AND GERMAN IN-
SURANCE COMPANIES.

All risks which would be too
heavy for French companies to
handle will be shared between
French and German companies
according to the terms of the
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H.K. CIVIL SERVICE UNDER SHANGHAI FIRE

IN A COMMENT on Hong Kong's evacuation, the "North China Daily News" writes in its issue of July 29:—In dealing with later representations made by the husbands, Hong Kong's civil servants appear to have been neither civil nor to have realised that they were the servants, not the lords and masters, of the public, thereby heaping fuel upon the smouldering discontent with which the original order was received.

Hong Kong residents are inclined to believe that things would have been very different had Sir Geoffrey Northcote, the Governor, been in the Colony at the time. It was their misfortune that he was away on sick leave.

With the situation in the Far East heading for a crisis, an order for evacuation of families would probably be much better received to-day than was the order of a year ago. This, however, does not alter the fact that incompetence and favouritism seems to have been rife in the colony. The Home Government's order placed a heavy strain upon the Hong Kong civil service—a strain which that service, supposed to be one of the best in the British Empire, proved quite unable to take. News of the order seems to have leaked about in a select circle, in which the womenfolk were able immediately to obtain posts related to defence of the Colony and to the Government. As a result these women were

outside the scope of the order when it was made public. To lessen the hardships which such an evacuation must necessarily cause in a number of families, an exemption board was promised, but this board did not function until after the evacuation had taken place, and its usefulness was, therefore, confined to considering a few cases in which applications were made for the return of women who had been forced to leave.

The Belief

Certain women who had evacuated under the order were able to return to the Colony without any effort being made to prevent them. That these were women of the wealthier classes not

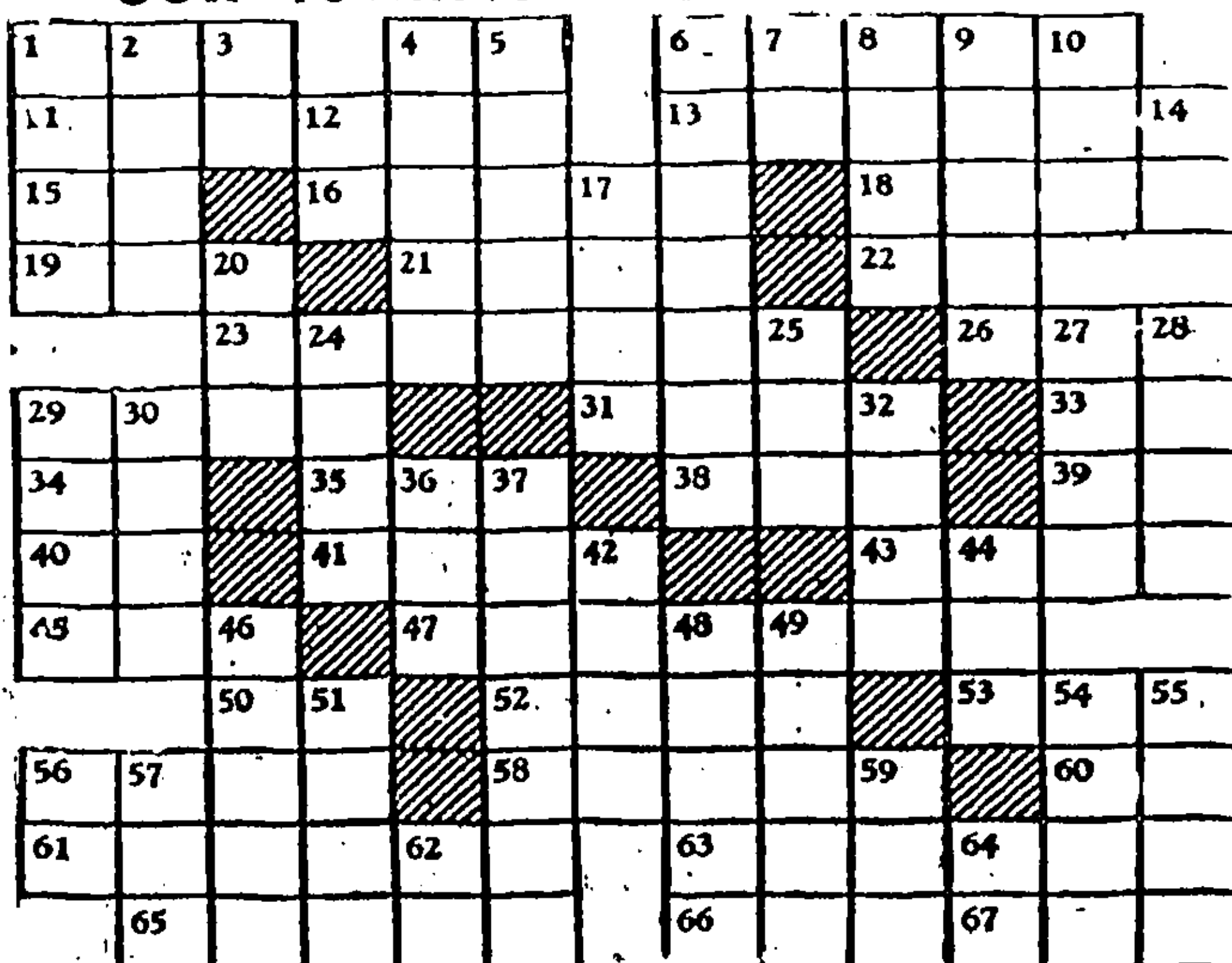
unnaturally gave rise to the belief that there was discrimination being exercised by the Government. Japanese wives could return; the small man's wife must stay away, in spite of the fact that the hardship on the small man, who had to maintain two households, was much the greater. All round, the evacuation seems to have been handled in a manner which reflects little credit upon those responsible for it.

One is tempted to quote the denunciation of the Civil Service recently made in the House of Lords by Lord Perry, who ought to know what he talked about, since he was Director of Food Production in 1916, is at present adviser to the Ministry of Food, and is also chairman of the Ford Motor Co., Ltd. Lord Perry said:

The British permanent official believes that second thoughts are better than quick decision, and that over-night consideration is better than immediate action. The recruitment of this illustrious body of men seems to get a young man whose ceiling of ambition is short hours, little work, mediocre surroundings, and no responsibility, with the knowledge that he has a cushy job for life, and there is nobody who can discharge him, except death, nobody who can promote him, except death, and, if death is kind, by the quick removal of his seniors, he may get £3,000 a year with the Order of the Bath before he retires on half pay at 60. "Take no responsibility" is the key-stone of the Civil Service. Administration is cumbersome, procrastinating, and short-sighted. These opportunities are swathed in forins, ceremonies, and red tape. Such a body is at a serious disadvantage in attempting to grapple with modern warfare.

These may seem harsh words, but in the present instance they appear to be deserved. Many Britons in Shanghai who suffered during the 1937 evacuation of women and children from this port will be able to sympathise with the Hong Kong husbands from firsthand experience. It will be recalled that even that evacuation was not without discriminations which were severely criticised at the time. It proved eventually to have been unnecessary, as it will be hoped the Hong Kong evacuation will prove. In the latter case, however, it is possible that events may justify the Government's ultimate wisdom. But they cannot justify the timing of the order or the manner in which it was carried out.

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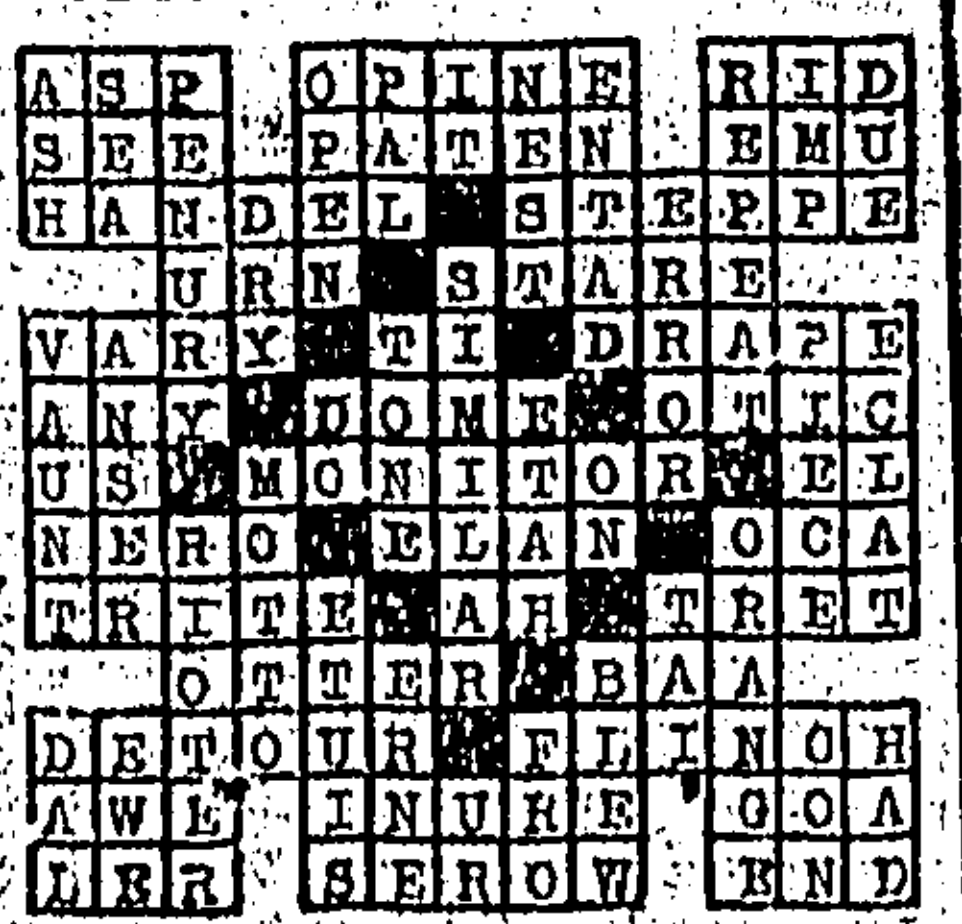
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Object
- 4 To exist
- 8 Self-esteem
- 11 To hold in greater favour
- 13 Woolly
- 15 Therefore
- 16 To worship
- 18 To stuff
- 19 Being
- 21 Mental image
- 22 Pronoun
- 23 Hugo
- 26 Wise saying
- 29 To languish
- 31 To allot
- 33 Not any
- 34 Article
- 35 Part of a circle
- 36 Music: as written
- 39 Toward
- 40 Pronoun
- 41 Cranny
- 43 Snow vehicle
- 45 Nephew of Abraham
- 47 Scalloped
- 50 Conjunction
- 52 To approach
- 53 Precious stone
- 56 Mother of Apollo

VERTICAL

- 1 Projecting part of a building
- 2 To smooth
- 3 Pronoun
- 4 To render indistinct
- 5 To eat away
- 6 Gratifies
- 7 Egyptian deity
- 8 Length measure
- 9 Ventures
- 10 Greek letter
- 12 Note of scale
- 14 Printer's measure
- 17 To tear
- 20 Transgression
- 24 To intend
- 25 To consume
- 27 Poker stake
- 28 Forest
- 29 Bucket
- 30 Preposition
- 32 To endure
- 33 Fabulous bird
- 37 Traps
- 42 Sharp
- 44 Limb
- 46 Absolute
- 48 Pertaining to birth
- 49 Place of combat
- 51 List
- 54 Serf
- 55 Small insect
- 56 See!
- 57 Unit of work
- 59 Artificial language
- 62 Bone
- 64 Whether

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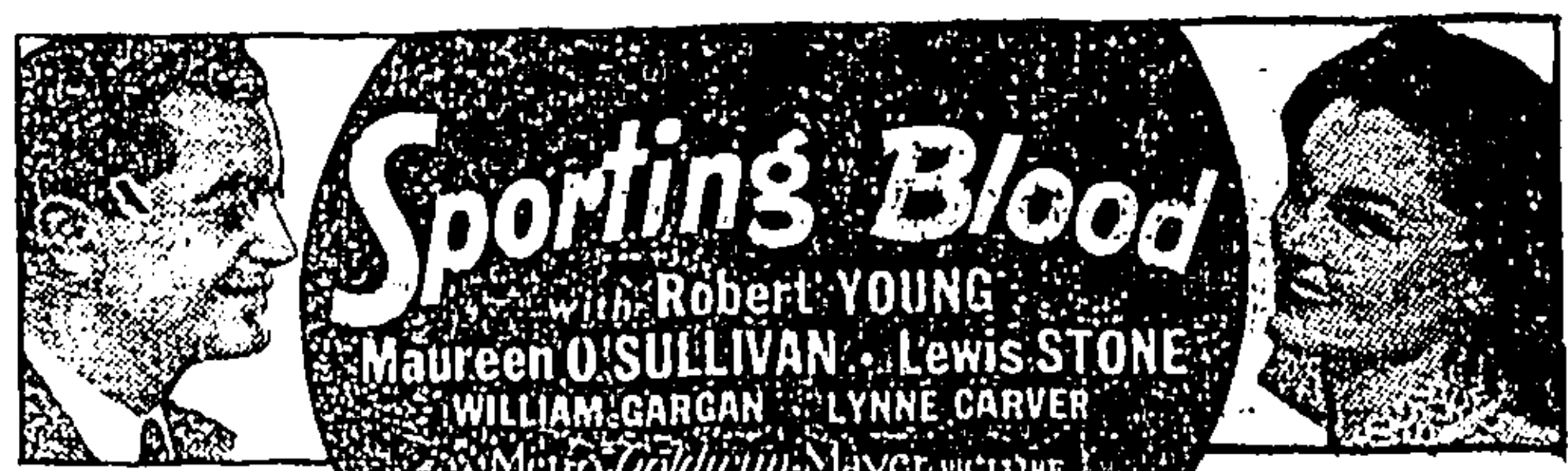


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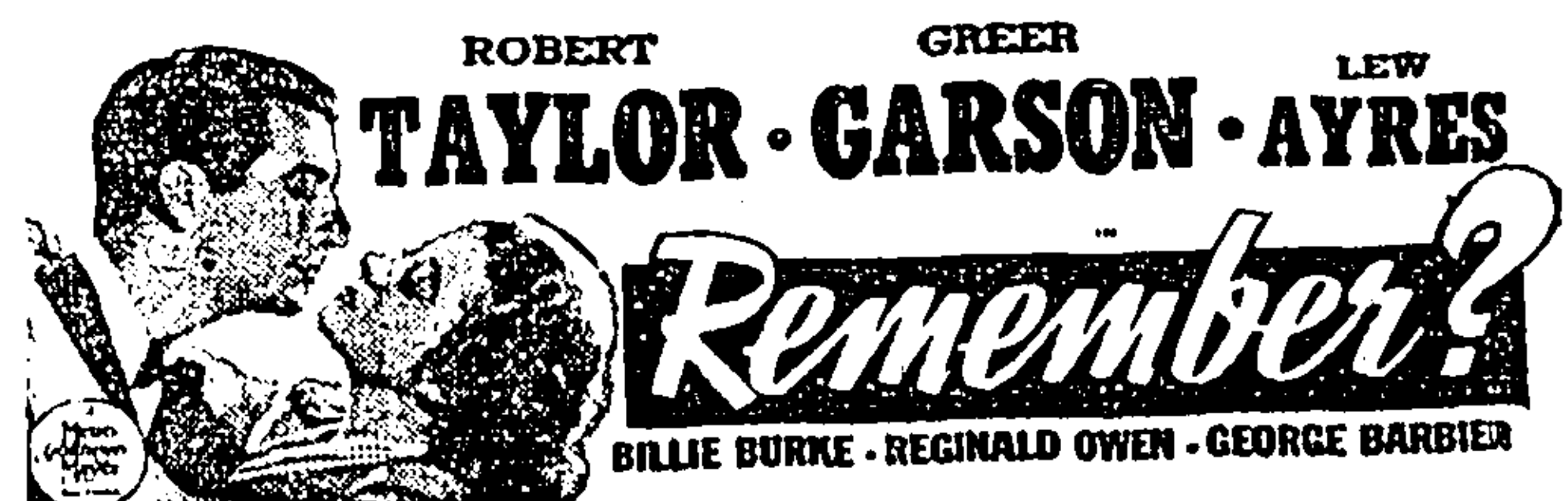
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M.P. GETS ONE FARTHING DAMAGES

ONE FARTHING DAMAGES were awarded Captain A. H. M. Ramsay, interned Member of the House of Commons for Peebles, against the "New York Times Company Ltd." and the "New York Times" by Justice Atkinson in the King's Bench division. The hearing of the action for libel occupied the Judge, sitting without a jury, for six days.

Captain Ramsay complained that a statement in the "New York Times" accused him of treason. There was no plea of justification by the defendant who pleaded qualified privilege and particulars in mitigation of damages. The "New York Times Company Ltd." a British firm, also set up a defence of innocent dissemination.

Giving judgment, Justice Atkinson said the libel complained of was contained in the "New York Times" on August 25, 1940 and described a visit by Capt. Ramsay to the House of Commons to protest against his arrest. Capt. Ramsay complained that the article stated he belonged to Britain's fifth column, was pro-Hitler and guilty of sending treasonable information to the German Legation.

The plea of privilege was based on the alleged duty of a newspaper to publish matter in the public interest. Prima facie, malice was a necessary ingredient in libel but normally it was implied. Justice Atkinson explained that the American Naval Secretary, Col. Frank Knox, sent Col. Donovan to Britain to study activities of fifth columnists and wanted American newspapers to publish articles which Col. Donovan sent back.

Undisclosed Charge

They were published in American papers of repute including the "New York Times" on August 21, 22 and 23. On August 22 Mr. Daniel, London correspondent of the "New York Times," sent his paper a message on which the article of August 25 was based.

The cable stated that Captain Ramsay's arrest was for an undisclosed charge under defence regulations. It seemed to Justice Atkinson that the plea of privilege must fail as he found it impossible to hold that the occasion of publication was privilege.

Duty To Company

The next point of law was whether there was any publication by the English company which distributed 127 copies of the newspaper containing the alleged libel. It was prima facie evidence that anybody who took part in the distributing of libelous matter was a party to publication. But in this case the defence of innocent dissemination was raised. The Judge said it seemed probable that Mr. Daniel would make a point of looking at the "New York Times" when it came here, it only to see what use had been made of the information he supplied. If Mr. Daniel, also managing director of the "New York Times Company Ltd." ascertained in his capacity as London correspondent of the "New York Times" that there was something libelous in the paper which his company was distributing, he had the duty to the company to disclose that information.

It was therefore impossible to hold the English company had no knowledge of what was in the paper. The defence of innocent dissemination was not made out. There was a plea in justification of the allegation that Captain Ramsay was a fifth columnist and pro-Hitler but no attempt to justify the accusation of treason made.

Honourable Record

Referring to Captain Ramsay's history Justice Atkinson said he had an honourable record for 20 years. "Captain Ramsay puts himself forward as a loyal patriotic subject of this country. The truth of that is one of the matters I have to examine. I accept his evidence that for some years he regarded the Jewish race as the real

menace to Christian people; that he believes Jewry was a vast secret organisation wielding great power, controlling gold fields and diamond mines of the world, and had worked for centuries for revolution and war in the destruction of Christianity.

"He believes in pursuance of these aims that Jews brought about the Russian revolution and were working for the destruction of Germany to give them the same opportunity they had in Russia. To that end they were helping Britain to-day not because they had any love for Britain but because they thought a victorious though exhausted Britain might give them opportunity in the meantime.

Working For Peace

"I don't believe he holds those views. He says he was working for peace by negotiation and he believed that gentle elements would have negotiated peace while Jewish elements were working for war. I refuse to believe that even Captain Ramsay believes the vast majority in this country who are proud to be Gentile would at any time have negotiated peace.

"Captain Ramsay also stated his belief that the war was a Jewish 'ramp'—war run by Jews for Jews in the interest of Jews. I don't believe any man outside a lunatic asylum could persuade himself of that. I accept also that Captain Ramsay did genuinely fear a German defeat because he thought the defeat of Germany would remove a great anti-Bolshevik barrier and he much preferred a negotiated peace to a British victory."—Reuter.

NEW SECRETARY FOR PREMIER

Mr. J. M. Martin has been appointed principal private secretary to the Prime Minister in succession to Mr. Eric Seal, who has been released for special duties under the Admiralty.

Before joining the Prime Minister's secretariat Mr. Martin was secretary to the Royal Commission on Palestine under the chairmanship of Lord Peel. He is a native of Edinburgh. His father was a minister of the Scottish Church.

CHIEF OF CLAN DEAD IN RAID

IT IS FEARED THAT MRS. MYRTLE FARQUHARSON, CHIEF OF THE FARQUHARSON CLAN, LOST HER LIFE IN A RECENT RAID ON LONDON.

Mrs. Farquharson, whose home was at Invercauld House, near Balmoral, was married, formerly to the late Mr. Robin d'Erlanger.

On assuming chieftainship of the clan on the death of her father, she reverted to her family name. She was a close friend of the Royal family and had for many years been a popular member of society.

It is understood that Mrs. Farquharson was staying with a friend when a heavy bomb hit the next house. She and her friend, an invalid, were in the same room when the house collapsed.

Her friend and two servants were extricated after rescue squads had been at work for 14 hours. It has not, however, been possible to recover the body of Mrs. Farquharson and that of another servant.

FIRE CURTAIN DEVICE TO DEFEND SHIPS

WHEN RECENTLY I went to sea in one of the Navy's ships I learned about a device which was part of the deck armament, writes a London reporter. I can now say that this weapon has been fitted to various types of convoy, escort and patrol vessels to combat low-flying aircraft.

It projects small-type bombs from their usual armament, with which to hit back, and they fall more readily face such attacks. The weight of the bombs, the range and speed of firing must remain a secret, but I understand that in addition to their purpose of combating low-flying aircraft these projectors can be used against surface craft within reasonable limits.

Tried In Action

I am divulging nothing to the enemy when I relate that recently one of our patrol vessels, equipped with the projector, tried it out during an action against German E-boats in the North Sea. And that action, as one captain told me, "was much more successful from our point of view than the enemy's."

The device is the invention of a West Country engineer.

Gives Confidence

Crews of ships equipped with this device, I gathered, have remarkable confidence in its effectiveness. That alone is a very important factor, as dive-bombing attacks, the nightmare of seamen, are calculated to have a big influence on the morale of these men. Give them something, apart

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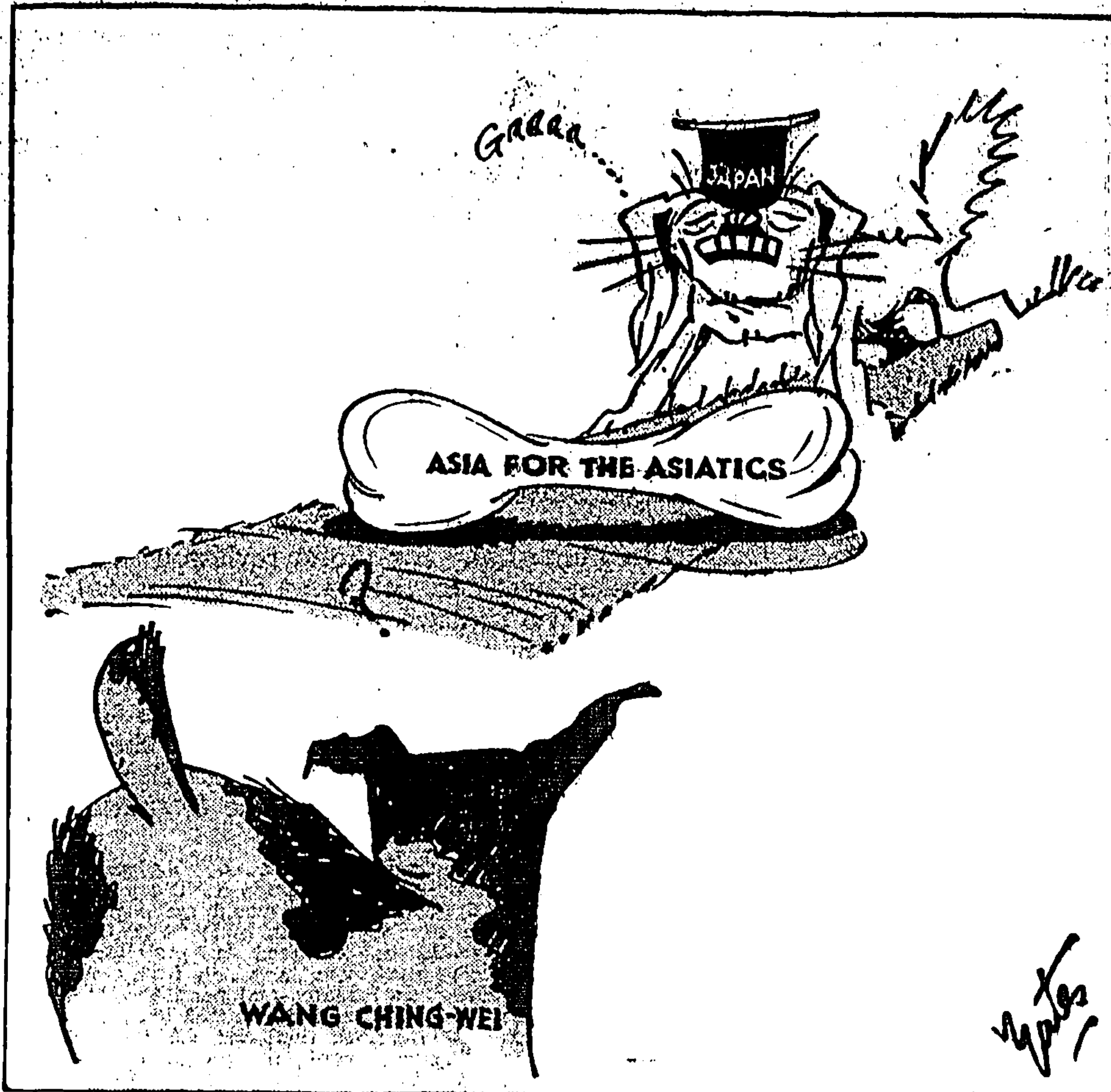
Hitler's third attempt to break Russia is reported to be about to begin or is even now under way. Germany, tacitly admitted that a further and "overpowering" onslaught was about to be launched, but the fact that this is the third distinct attempt to subdue the Soviets has been slurred over by Berlin and made to appear as merely strengthening of the original advance. It is patent, however, that with winter already within measurable distance Hitler must make his final effort now.

Dr. Rauschning, the former leader of the Danzig Senate and a close friend of Hitler's until they quarrelled, declared recently that "unless Hitler secures a complete and decisive victory within a few weeks you can reckon on the collapse of the Nazi regime before the year is out." While the erstwhile Nazi leader's prophecy smacks somewhat strongly of wishful thinking, his opinion must necessarily carry weight. His ground for optimism was based to a large extent on the fact that "attacking China or Russia is like punching a cushion. Your fist disappears in the cushion." Undoubtedly Germany's fist has disappeared twice in the Russian cushion with tremendous loss and though the outcome of the third attempt cannot be anticipated, it is clear that the German authorities are beginning to realise that the Russian soldier possesses qualities of fighting against which Germany's military tactics have up to the present proved unavailing.

Dr. Goebbels' instructions to his radio commentators betray the fact that Germany's "victorious march" into Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev did not materialise as he had pictured in the earlier days of the campaign. He is now forced to temper his song of triumph to something less definite. He is obliged, therefore, to distract the attention of his listeners by enlarging on side issues and instructs his radio commentators to western Europe to concentrate upon Russia's internal difficulties rather than dwell on German achievements. For his Asiatic listeners he still builds up a picture of German might by describing in vivid language Russia's military and civil flight before the German armies. Russia's internal difficulties—probably manufactured or enhanced for the occasion—are again stressed. The failure of the German attacks are thus slurred over while the commentator endeavours to portray a Russia, chaotic internally and chaotic near the fighting areas.

German propagandists are carefully selected and trained for their jobs. Their duty is not to tell the facts, but to adhere closely to the lines laid down for them by Dr. Goebbels' propaganda bureau in Berlin. That actual facts are glossed over, ignored or twisted as circumstances demand, is accepted as the correct procedure, so that the only difficulty encountered is in making each announcement reassuring to the German people and plausible to those whom Germany wants to impress.

The camouflaging of the Russian campaign into a triumphant entry into Russia proper has, however, presented difficulties from the start. These men are not concerned with the veracity of their statements, but they have so long and so completely overdrawn their "victories" that even the German people themselves, inured as they are to extravagant phraseology, must be losing confidence in what Dr. Goebbels pours forth daily. As for the outside world and those waiting for deliverance from German oppression the comforting fact is again dawning that truth though temporarily obscured, cannot be forever hid. Germany, deny it as she will, has failed and ignominiously failed in her first two attempts to conquer Russia.



THE ONE-DOG BONE

Safest Job In The War

No names, no routes, no airports and no times may be mentioned when one writes of the growing business of ferrying American-built planes across the Atlantic to England. This was made very plain by the slight young man in a blue serge suit who directs operations.

This young man has flown the Atlantic more times than he can remember. He had become, indeed, an Atlantic specialist long before the war began, wise in his judgments, knowledgeable in all branches of the craft. But he let the ferry pilots speak for themselves.

These pilots regard their job as a straight-line air operation. When one spoke of the risks of their job they became explosive. "Don't put that in your paper," they demanded, "for it just is not true. This is the safest job in the whole war. If you want to write about risks, we can tell you about the trip back we had in a freighted in convoy. Two ships were sunk fore and aft of us and a torpedo went past our bows. The skipper had been sunk three times already and perhaps that was what saved us. He thought he was immune. We have never seen an enemy plane or had a moment of danger except when we were in a Blitz in England or on the way back by boat."

The real job, they say, is done by the weather experts who supply them with a twenty-four-hour forecast at which they never cease to marvel. "My navigator was pretty new on his job," one of them said, "so I flew by the weather chart and was less than three miles off my course when I hit the other side. These weather men are marvels."

It is the pilot, however, who decides for himself, and his crew, whether and when to fly after he gets his weather report. He gets no orders. He must judge for himself in the same manner as any ship's captain.

But contrast the freedom of the airman compared with that of the ship's captain. There in front of him lies an area of bad weather—head winds and clouds with thunder and lightning. It is that kind of thing that makes sailors' language what it is. But the airman does not need to go through it. "Round or over?" he asks himself and takes a look at the fuel gauge. Now, when it is important to arrive in England with as much fuel as possible, the decision is usually "over" up into

a favourable wind stream. Height is of no account, although at fourteen thousand feet and over a mixture of oxygen is essential; otherwise come "black-outs" and "a lovely dreamy feeling," some of them call it, "like the unreality of that extra five minutes after the morning call."

There is another reason to fly high. Up there the stars, for a peep at which the seaman often has to wait night after night, are unshrouded. The high air is cold and clear, but the heating system in the planes is so good that although it may be 50 below zero outside, only an extra pull-over is needed to make one comfortable in the ship.

Except for the one case in which a ferry pilot was compelled to turn back and make a forced landing in the Newfoundland

By
P. J. Philip

bush there has never been a single accident on the crossing. The service goes as regularly as any town-to-town passenger service and has almost become routine. "Three years ago ten thousand people would have turned out to see us arrive," said one with a grimace, "and now in England everybody is so used to our turning up to the exact minute that there is never any one to greet us except the landing port official—not even a man to carry your bag, everybody is so busy."

When the service began the responsible authorities thought it only right to ask for insurance rates on the pilots and crews. With grave concern the insurance companies figured out some astronomical risk charts, which were too high for anybody to do business. Now the insurance companies can find no takers at any price.

"If you follow regulations, nothing can go wrong," these pilots boast; but nothing is left to chance. Every plane that leaves must carry complete equipment down to a rubber dinghy, emergency rations and a five-gallon water reserve. After they are flown to the Canadian delivery point they are checked and rechecked by their assigned crews.

The flight to Newfoundland is considered as a final warming-up check.

In Newfoundland a full load of fuel is taken aboard. That load gives a margin sufficient for at least another thousand miles beyond the distance from land to land and the aim of every pilot is to arrive in England with enough fuel to permit this American built and delivered plane to go straight into action, if need be, over Berlin, with fuel brought from America.

The rules say that flight times must not be mentioned, but the pilots describe their flights as either one-sandwich or two-sandwich affairs. That gives a sufficient indication. It has been published that return planes—American-built ships used for ferrying back pilots and occasional special passengers who are quite content to sit on the floor—Prince Bernhard of Holland was one recently—make the trip from England to a terminus in Canada in fourteen hours. By the clock such a flight takes only eight hours, but because of time zone differences the actual flying time is six hours more.

These ferry pilots are not the youths who go into battle with Spitfires and Hurricanes. They are of the last war and the in-between-wars generations. A few gray hairs are an asset rather than a disadvantage. The Americans are among the youngest, and even the youngest of them had many hours experience before they joined this elite corps of captains. They do not need to take any oath of allegiance. Most of the corps are detached officers from various armies. In the relatively short time since the service was organised their number has been so quickly built up that the complaint now is that trips come too infrequently. But they say the pay is "fine."

Some of the pilots did "ferry service" in England, delivering planes from factories to military fields, before they joined the Atlantic service. These men are always the most impatient when they are held up waiting for a plane to ferry across.

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SIR VICTOR SASSOON ON

UNLIKELYHOOD OF WAR IN FAR EAST

THE BELIEF that Japan will not risk war with the United States in the Far East was expressed by Sir Victor Sassoon in a broadcast talk over Station XCDN in Shanghai. Sir Victor reviewed the forces which are at work in this part of the world, and pointed out the indirect assistance which could be rendered to the German cause by the Japanese keeping a large force of British immobilised in these regions when they might be dangerous to the Germans in the Middle East; and forcing the United States to keep a large portion of its fleet in the Pacific, also to the advantage of the Germans. Sir Victor said:

I have been asked by so many people to give some sort of forecast as to what is likely to happen here on the Pacific side of the world, that I think it would be useful to put before you the forces which are at work, as I see them, as then any of you will be able to form your own conclusions, which probably will be as valuable as mine or anybody else's.

The basis of the question appears to me to rest on the Nazi programme, a programme which is being badly bogged in Russia. Now, whether this bogging is only temporary or is likely to last for some time, is a question on which I think not even the German is in a position to give any really accurate forecast.

British Middle East Threat

What must be clear, however, to the German High Command is that any diversion at the present time by the British in the Middle East would create an extremely uncomfortable position. German reserves obviously are being speeded to Russia, large forces are still required to hold down occupied territory. That is no doubt why we read in the papers to-day that neutrals who visit big towns in Germany, such as Berlin, see only old men, women and children. Obviously the country has been combed with a fine comb to get reinforcements for the fighting line.

We also know that the British forces in the Middle East have been reinforced, and probably strongly reinforced, not only with men but with materials.

If this reinforcement is only to relieve pressure on Tobruk I doubt whether that would worry the German High Command very much, but if this reinforcement is going to be used in Asia Minor, then there exists an eventuality which Germany must guard against. That is why, in my opinion, Japan is being pressed by Germany at this stage to cause some form of diversion, which would keep the British occupied and prevent them sending large reinforcements of troops from India to Asia Minor.

Two Front War Feared

Now let's take up the question from the Japanese viewpoint. The one thing which I expect stands out clearly in the minds of the Japanese High Command is that they do not want to have to fight on two fronts, that is to fight against the United States and against Russia. The admitted technical and possibly numerical air superiority of the United States and Russia, the vulnerability of the manufacturing centres of Japan to bombing from the air, must make it perfectly clear that a war against the United States and Russia at the same time would expose Japan to extreme peril for unlike the island of Great Britain, she has no friendly America to replace the production of cities as the Germans say.

Japan, as I have so often said, is in a very difficult position, and I would hate to be a patriotic Japanese, having to decide what is best for my country at this juncture. He obviously cannot wish for a total victory by Germany because that would mean that anything he can get for his country to-day would be likely to be taken away from him on

the morrow. Obviously he cannot desire a victory by Russia, which would mean pressure on his vulnerable flank. All that he can hope and pray for is a long war in which Russia and Germany, and possibly Great Britain and the United States, would get so tired and worn out that they could not be bothered to resist Japanese ambition in the Pacific. He might also hope that even if the United States does not come into this war, there would be sufficient isolationist sentiment there to prevent them taking action against his country if Japan decided to expand towards the South. Therefore it seems to me that the obvious ambition of Japan to-day must be to gain all she can materially, short of war with the United States and Russia.

A La Nazi

Japan probably considers her position to-day as similar to that of Hitler two or three years ago. She sees herself dealing with a country which does not want to go to war, which is likely to make any and every excuse not to go to war, and which might be expected to stand almost anything rather than go to war.

So, as long as Japan avoids carrying out any operations which the United States have said will result in intervention, such as an attack on the Dutch East Indies, she probably can consider herself as fairly safe. She will continue to attempt to obtain advantages from neighbouring territories by apparent agreement, as in the case of the recent arrangements concluded with Indo-China, which obviously were only possible through pressure on Vichy by Germany.

Following German tactics, we can expect troops and planes to be massed in Indo-China on the borders of Thailand. Japan will naturally promise Thailand all sorts of territorial concessions at the expense of Indo-China, if Thailand will agree to co-operate with her. Japan has seen how such concessions are only temporary, and how this softening process, followed by infiltration, will mean that Thailand should easily come under Japanese domination, just as Central Europe came under the heel of Hitler.

On the other hand, if Great Britain and America call a halt and make it clear that any infiltration of Thailand will be considered as a casus belli, then the Japanese probably would stay where they were, but keep on massing troops, artillery and planes on the Thai border, thus necessitating the retention of large bodies of troops in Burma.

These would then not be able to proceed to the Middle East, all of which would be to the advantage of Germany.

War Of Nerves

At the same time, this "war of nerves" could be counted on to immobilise large naval and air forces from the United States in the Pacific, again to the advantage of Germany.

These facts would appear to me to justify the contention that war between Japan and the United States is unlikely in the immediate future, whatever may be said in the alarmist press. There is however a danger, I admit, and that danger is that the United States, having studied the history of the last two years, and taken it to heart, might come to the decision that she could not allow

BOMBED - OUT OLD COUPLE'S ROMANCE

Forty bombed-out London people, all over 65, and now cared for at a hostel at Chelmsford, Essex, were guests at the wedding there of two of their companions, Mr. A. E. Lawrence, 71, and Mrs. M. J. Salter, 66.

The couple met at the hostel two months ago.

SCARED—LET BOY DROWN

A man who has been afraid of water all his life said that that fear prevented him from saving a drowning boy.

It was stated at an inquest at Manchester on the boy, Derek Bellis (6), of Weber Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, that the boy entered the River Irk to get a floating stick and was carried away by the current.

Israel Kersh, of Paget Street, Collyhurst, said he heard children shouting and saw the child's head above the water. He did not know what to do.

Kept Quiet About It

"I have always been scared of water," he said, "and for that reason would never go to the baths. At the time I was on my way to register for military service."

"I left the river, went to register and then went home. I did not tell my wife or anyone else about what had happened until a policeman came."

The coroner said it was a pity Kersh had not attempted to save the child.

"He has been very frank with me and has spoken of his terror of water," he went on, "but in the circumstances he might have entered the water as much as he disliked it, or at least have informed someone of the boy's peril." Verdict: Accidental death.

PRISONERS OF WAR OFFICIAL RESIGNS

Miss Judith Jackson, general secretary of the British Red Cross Society's Prisoners of War Department at St. James's Palace, has relinquished her post.

In consequence of her resignation, Mr. J. M. Eddy, a director of the Bank of London and South America, is assuming the duties of deputy director. Mr. Eddy, who is in the sixties, is expected to take over his new duties within the next few days.

Formerly private secretary to Lady (then Mrs.) Baldwin, Miss Jackson was largely responsible for the organisation of the Prisoners of War Department and went to Lisbon last winter to help clear up the delay of parcels.

Japan to keep the initiative in her own hands and that Japan must not be permitted to go any further. Should the United States come to this decision and should Japan make the mistake of thinking that America was bluffing, then there is possibility of war between the two countries; a war which might extend to Russia, and thus set the Far East ablaze.

POOR MORALE OF ITALIANS IN ABYSSINIAN WAR

THE CAMPAIGN against the Italians in Abyssinia is described in the following letter, received by a Shanghai resident from his brother serving with the South African forces. The poor morale and cowardice of the enemy are vividly depicted by the writer, who saw the campaign from the very first day when the British forces entered Italian Somaliland to the day when they occupied Dessie after the Italians had been captured with their transport, artillery and war materials. The letter follows:

First of all, thanks for your many recent letters, which have arrived at frequent intervals lately.

You say that you would like to hear of what we have been doing since this war has been on, so I will give you a short summary of what we have done since we left Kenya and entered enemy country.

Our first action after we crossed the border and entered Italian Somaliland was at a place called Gobuen, near Kismayu. We advanced in transport to a debussing area about three miles from Gobuen in the night and left our transport on a landing field, while we advanced on foot to take Gobuen. We had hardly got started, however, when we bumped into the enemy, who had taken up positions at the end of the aerodrome through which we had to pass. They had had ample time to choose and consolidate excellent positions, but after a short and fierce battle, we forced them to withdraw and continued our advance.

Italians Surrender

Early the next morning, we attacked Gobuen and at about mid-day it was in our hands. The Italians, however, had only withdrawn over the Juba river to a place called Jumbo and we were held up for about five days while some of our boys crossed the river higher up and came in behind the Wops. The whole time we were waiting for our other boys to work round, we were being shelled by all types of artillery all day and every day, but without serious results. On the day our other boys were to start their attack, the Wops chucked in the sponge, and we walked in.

After that we continued our advance to the North and such towns as Marguerita, Galla Medin, Brava Merca and Mogidishu fell in rapid succession, and we were granted a bit of a break at Brava, which is a small seaport. There we had our first sea-water swim since leaving Cape Town.

Addis Ababa Taken

After a break there, we moved on into Abyssinia and once again started chasing Italians. Our advance here was also very fast and such towns as Harar, Dire-dawa, Dedar Irna, Meisse and many others also fell like ninepins and almost before we had time to take stock of our surroundings, we were in the capital, Addis Ababa.

There we were also given a rest for about a week, during which we had a good time in the town, as it was the biggest town we had entered and there was booze obtainable and many other things that delight the human heart.

Watched Italians Run

Our rest period also came to an end, however, and once again we pushed North after the Wops. Our first glimpse of them this time was when we were held up by a portion of the road which they had blown up on a mountain pass and we saw them scotching hell for leather out of a small village far below us. As there was no way of getting past the road block we had to sit and watch them run. We finally caught up with them at a very well defended pass a few miles from Dessie and there started the hardest fight of our career.

As soon as our forward transport came in view, they let us have it with light and heavy artillery and we were forced to get our transport off the road and into the bush.

The next day very early in the morning, we packed a few days' hard tack into our packs, Rooms

filled our water bottles and started mountaineering. We climbed mountains (and here in Abyssinia they are mountains) all that day and the next morning we were in position on high mountains overlooking a lot of the Italian positions.

Heavy Casualties Inflicted

My section was put in position overlooking a small Italian camp and all day we watched them making fires to cook grub, etc. but we had to wait for the order to open fire. Towards evening when the order did come, we opened up on that camp at no more than 500 yards and did those Wops fan the breeze. Whew! We gave them absolutely everything we had and believe me, we had plenty for about 15 minutes, and when I gave the order to cease fire, there wasn't a Wop to be seen. The number of casualties in that camp alone, was, I guarantee, pretty high.

This type of thing carried on for about five days, while our artillery pounded hell out of their positions, and vice versa, when they withdrew to new positions further back, but by this time their spirit must have been broken as we soon mopped them all up and captured almost their entire force besides tons of transport, artillery and war materials of all descriptions.

We then entered Dessie and this is where we still are. Where we go from here is still in the lap of the Gods, but I can assure you that wherever it is, the 1st South African Infantry Brigade will make its presence felt.

BIGGER ARMY IN PEACE

Mr. Bevin Will Work For It

Mr. Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service has declared himself in favour of maintaining an army in peace-time on the same basis as the Navy and the R.A.F.

Referring at a meeting in London to our unpreparedness before the war, he said: "The Navy has come out in the most amazing manner—but the Navy goes on for ever. Its organisation is complete. You may get political hollidays, with 6d off the income-tax, which you regret later when it means 4s on, but the Navy continues."

"The Air Force is a new organisation which will have to develop along the same lines. But the Army! You build up an amazing organisation and when the war is over you discard it—it is dissolved. When the next trouble comes you have to begin again, without even the nuclei."

"If I have anything to do with politics after this war I have made up my mind that the military side must be put on the same basis as the Navy and the Air Force, even if it does mean another 6d on the income-tax. (Cheers.) It is an excellent insurance, and only fair to the men who have to build."

Mr. Bevin was addressing the Holborn Chamber of Commerce luncheon held at the Connaught Rooms.

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NAZIS DRAGOON GREEKS

Death for Talk Of Allied Victory

Information from Greek official sources indicates that the Germans have now abandoned the specious moderation they displayed in the first days of the occupation. They are now ruthlessly dragging the conquered Greeks.

Several Greek citizens have been condemned to five years' imprisonment for offering cigarettes to British prisoners.

Similarly, the German headquarters have announced that any Greek knowing of the hiding places of persons sought by the German authorities and not revealing them will be shot. The same punishment is to be meted out to all showing pro-British sentiments or speaking of an Allied victory.

The publication of these decrees makes it clear that the Germans are experiencing considerable embarrassment from the Anglophile sentiments of a population historically friendly to Britain.

More Arrests

From the same official source it is learned that M. Mandzouphas, Governor-General of Epirus, and Lt.-Col. Nobelis, son-in-law of the late Gen. Metaxas, Premier at the beginning of the war, have been arrested in addition to Gen. Papagos, the Commander-in-Chief and Mr. Mavroudis, the Foreign Under-Secretary.

Gen. Tsolakoglou, the puppet Premier, has announced that all leaders of the August 4 Metaxas movement, which resulted in the military dictatorship, will be judged by a military council for having prepared was against Germany.

The irony of this announcement lies in the fact that the August 4 regime was in its internal character strongly totalitarian. Its first move having been to abolish the parliamentary system in Greece, and then to imprison and banish the Opposition leaders and to establish the strictest Press censorship.

Even as late as last August Hitler and Mussolini addressed public congratulations to Gen. Metaxas on the fourth anniversary of the establishment of the regime.

The Athens Government is also showing singular irony in its claims to represent Greek nationalism by a decree that the goldiers who have covered themselves with glory in the last six months are liable to be transferred in groups of 10,000 to labour in other parts of German-occupied territory.

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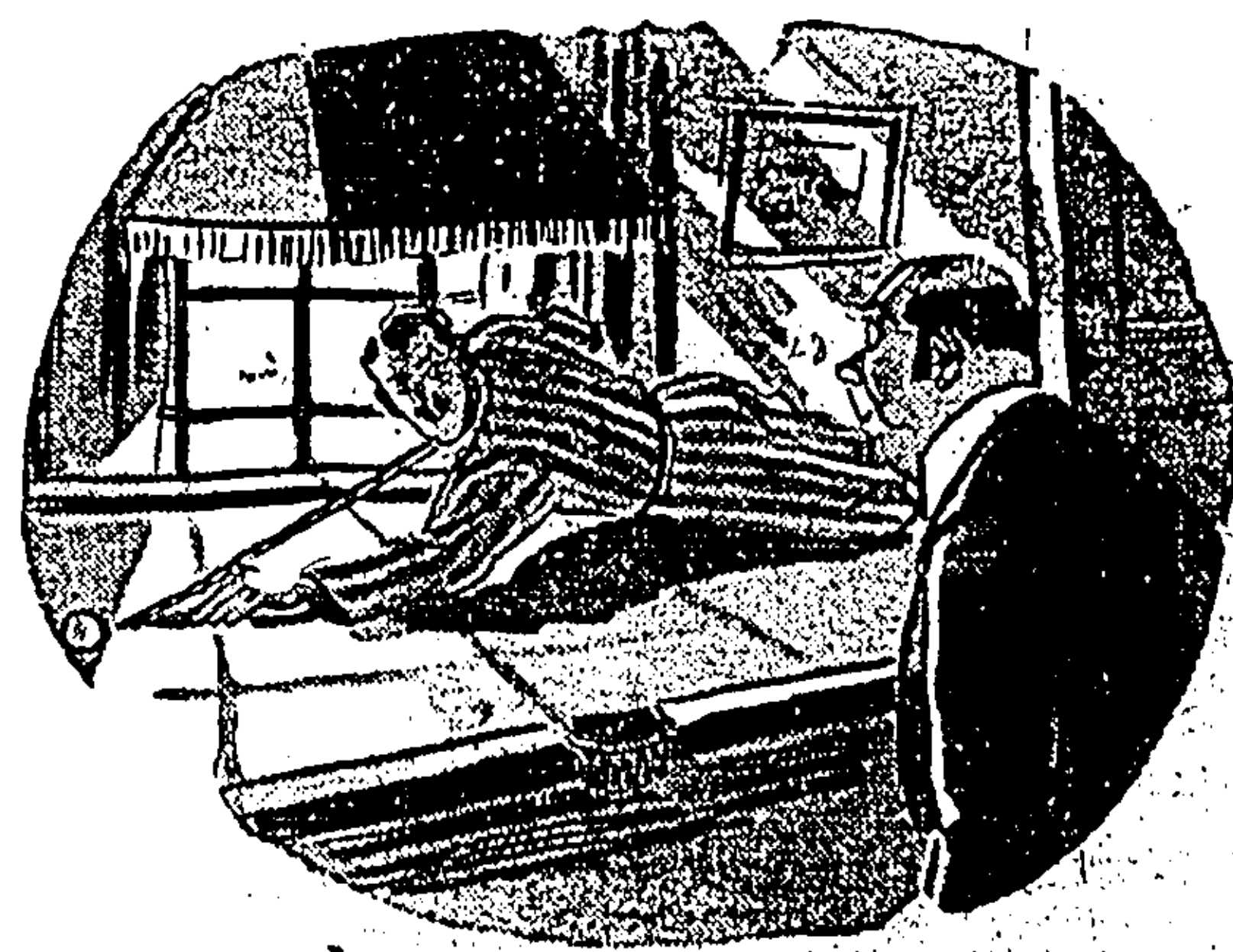


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"Yes, Sir. Essentially nocturnal, Sir."

"Besides, Hawkins, I'm only practising. Keeping my eye in, as it were."

"Yes, Sir. Keeping your eye in, Sir."

"Hawkins, don't be a parrot."

"Parrot, Sir?"

"Or a cockatoo. In spite of a rather late session, my eye is clear and my hand steady—just watch me go in off the white—there you are—what did I tell you?"

"A remarkably fine shot, Sir. Have you been taking lessons?"

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THE DIVIDEND WILL BE PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, 11th August, at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, 28th July to SATURDAY, 9th August (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 15th July, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4314	West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2552, Chi Kiang Street, Shek Shan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 4,720	\$2,832

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$283.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2870	Junction of Hung Wah Street and Shun Ning Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 15,000	\$2,000

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Sheung Shui Inland Lot No. 13	Kam Tsun.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 80,880	\$3,235

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♥ 9 8 4 3
♦ 7 3
♣ K 6 3

WEST
♠ 5
♥ A K Q 10 6
♦ K J 10 6
♣ Q J 2

EAST
♠ 4 3
♥ 7 2
♦ 9 8 5 4 2
♣ 10 9 8 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Dbl. 2♠ Pass
3♠ Dbl. 4♠ Pass
Pass Dbl. Pass Pass

West opened the King of hearts and continued the suit until South ruffed the third. South then drew two rounds of trumps, ruffed dummy's last heart in his own hand, cashed the two top clubs, and threw West into the lead with the third round of clubs. West had only red cards left,

so had a choice between leading up to the Ace-Queen of diamonds and leading a heart to give South a ruff-and-sluff. South therefore made his doubled contract. Don't let the criminal slip out of your fingers now. If you can't spot both crime and criminal, read on.

West committed a crime, but he wasn't the real criminal. Of course, West should have played his high clubs on the first two rounds of clubs. Then East would have won the third round of clubs; and a diamond return by East would have set the contract.

But South was the real criminal for giving West this opportunity to defeat a contract which correct play would assure. After ruffing the third round of hearts, South should have led out all the trumps, discarding a club and a diamond from the dummy. West would have to discard a club to save the high heart and guarded diamond King. Then South could

cash the Ace and King of clubs and lead dummy's heart. West would have to win and return a diamond — and from this throw-in there could be no escape. So South was the real criminal; West was just a butcher!

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♠ 8 5 3
♥ A Q 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ 6 5

The bidding:
Schonken You Males Jacoby
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass Dbl.

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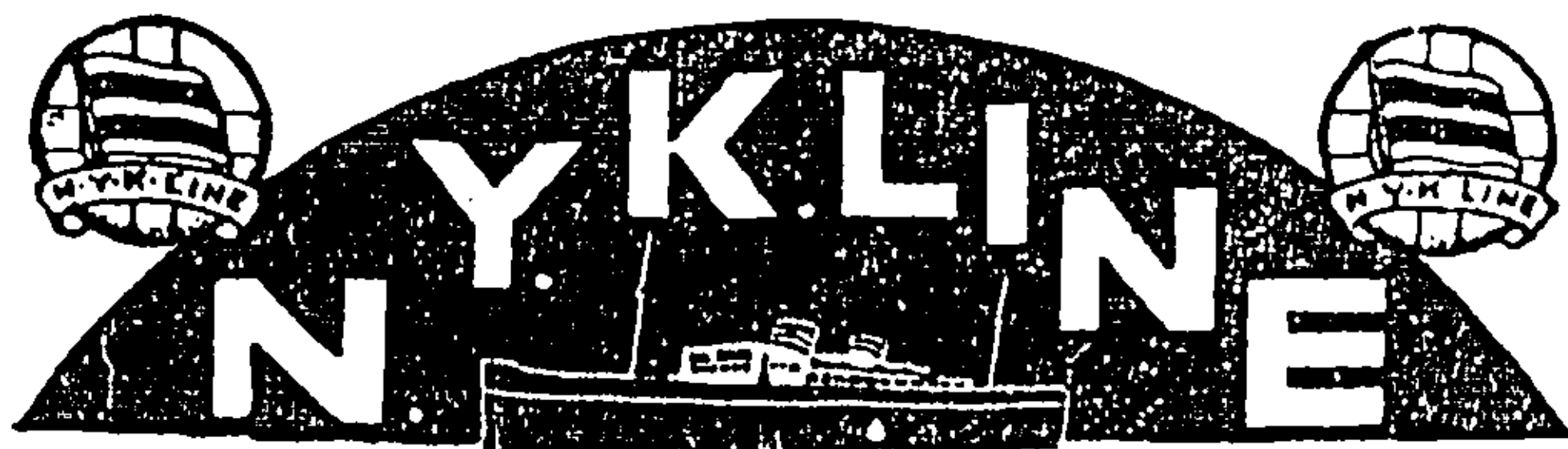
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The "London Gazette" announcing this stated that Lt.-Cmdr. Fletcher took his ship to the rescue of Miss Johnson, who was piloting a plane which had fallen into the Thames Estuary. In spite of bitter cold and heavy seas he dived in fully clothed. Other awards include:

O.B.E. (Military): Lt.-Cmdr. J. J. Youngs, R.N.R., H. M. S. Speedwell.

M.B.E. (Military): Lt. V. B. G. Cheesman, R.M.; Mr. H. C. Hillind, boatswain, R.N.

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"They are given so that Britain shall still remain the first land in the whole world, and come what may, nothing can alter the dignity and love for peace and security that is a Britisher's heritage.

"So remember, darling, I, along with others, died so that our loved ones shall be safe and secure for all time, and in years to come others will die for the ones they love most.

"Well darling, with my dying breath I'll pray that our sacrifice was not in vain, and I'll say, God bless you, dearest of all mothers, "Your loving son, ALF."

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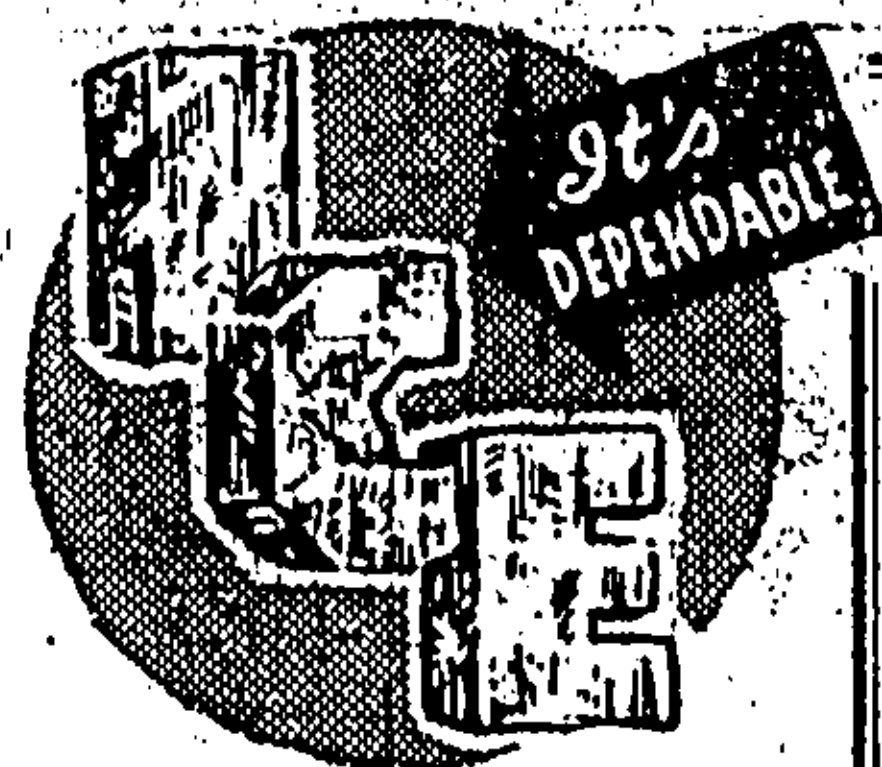
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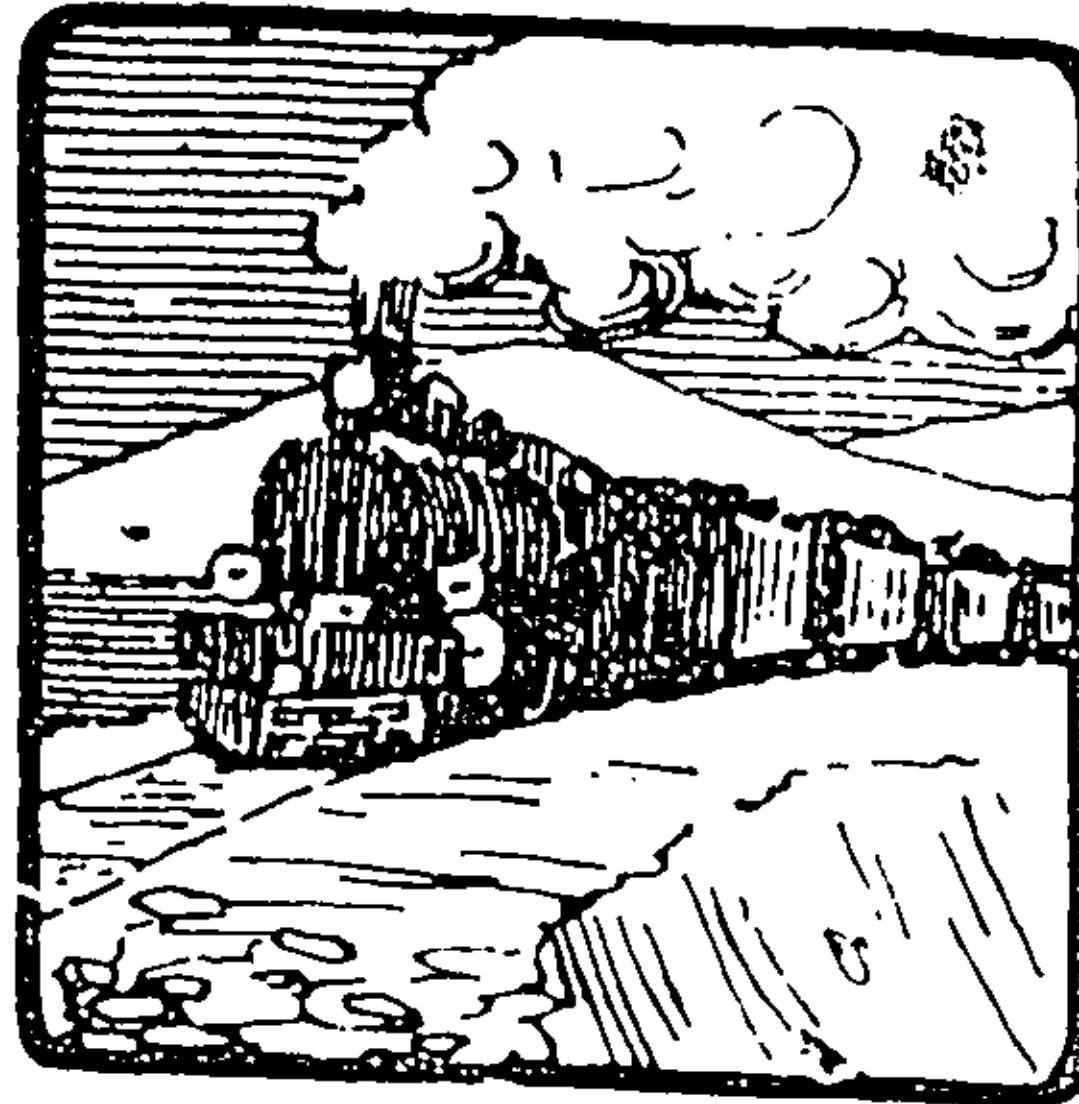
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CRAIGENGOWER IN PRECARIOUS POSITION UNTIL THE RAIN CAME

By "Skip"

LAWN BOWLERS WERE ABLE TO BENEFIT LAST SATURDAY BY THE INCREASED DAYLIGHT WE NOW ENJOY, AS A HEAVY STORM CAUSED A DELAY OF SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH THE RESULT THAT SEVERAL GAMES DID NOT FINISH UNTIL 7.30 OR SO.

Admittedly it was just possible on rare occasions to play to that time under the old conditions, but the uncertainty of a finish would have been too great and all games, instead of only two, would have been abandoned.

THE game between Club de Recreio "B" and Craigengower at King's Park very nearly ended in a sensational win for the Portuguese team, and there is some justification for the thought that the rain saved the Valley team, who adapted themselves more readily to the sudden green.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" made a very poor showing against the Portuguese "A" team on the adjoining rinks, only Hall's rink winning. Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" managed to vacate the bottom place in the League in favour of Civil Servants, their victims, whilst Kowloon Cricket Club rather surprisingly defeated Police at Cox's Road and Kowloon Dock just got the better of Indians.

Police's Third Division Challenge

IN Second Division Takoo had a narrow lead on Club de Recreio when play stopped play, Corney Pereira having a useful lead on Jimmy Chalmers, with his brother down by the same margin to Willie Melrose.

Hong Kong Cricket Club could make no impression on Hong Kong Football Club at the Valley, and Kowloon Football Club justified my forecast that they would be in the money by securing a sweep-winning margin over Kowloon Cricket Club. But the best result in this division was achieved by Kowloon Tong, who journeyed to Stanley peninsula and came back with the majority of the points, J. L. Stephens and W. J. Bagley featuring in records, the former a favourable one.

In the junior section Kowloon Bowling Green Club made their position at the head of the table a little more secure by a 4/1 win against Club de Recreio: I say a little more secure as they are by no means safe, with Police as their real danger. Hong Kong Electric, with a weak team out, did remarkably well to lose by only 9 to Craigengower, who looked very strong on paper, especially their skips.

Vas Fully Extends Razack

I HAVE indicated the closeness of the scores when the rain caused that delay in the game at King's Park. I will be quite honest and admit that I do not know exactly when the break came, but it would be about the 15th head, I surmise, by my own experience not very far away. At that stage Omar was three up, Rosselet was the same and Bradbury a couple to the bad. After the rain John Basto actually took the lead against Omar, but could not hold it, meanwhile Charlie Rosselet was virtually blanking Tony Gutierrez and Bradbury had the better of Eddie Sousa by four shots. Razack was again in good form for Rosselet, but Charlie Vas gave him a good run for his money. Joe Landolt was too strong for Dr. Rodrigues, which left the Portuguese skip with rather more than he could handle.

Derlos Alves was right on his game as lead against A. M. Omar and had an edge on him, but "K.M." made up the way. The thirds, Henry Basto and Dick Bassa, were not good, but both skips played well. John Basto, frequently in an adverse position, saving a number. Eddie Sousa and B. W. Bradbury had a weighty and lengthy duel which finished well after



H. A. Alves, 100 per cent. Recreio "A" skip, sends down a wood. Alves used to play a good game of cricket but has not taken part in this form of sport for some time now. He was also, at one time, keenly interested in racing.

8 o'clock. The scores were very close until the visiting skip, four down at the 16th, scored 11 in four heads to win by 4. Sousa securing a good count of 3 at the last head.

K.B.G.C. Out-Bowled By Champions

ON the other half of the green, the Austin Road team were putting up a very poor show against the home team, whom they narrowly beat in the first encounter. Dick Alves had a big win against Adam Holland, who can rarely have played so badly. True, his front men were giving him inadequate support, but that gave him further opportunity to shine. Neither he nor Alice Hyde-Lay did. Spuggy Silva was again in fine form as Dick's lead and beat Willie Walker. The home team began with a nap hand and another at the eighth gave them a lead of 20-3, which they sustained.

Change the names, and you have the same story about the Duncan v Ribeiro game. In fact, the Portuguese led by the identical score at one stage. McKelvie saved some shots but the rest of the rink were quite out-bowled. Charlie Roza-Pereira shone in the home four, just as Bert White did in Alf Hall's team against Raul Luz. In fact it was Hall and White who carried the day for the K.B.G.C. rink. F. X. Soares easily beat W. McNeill, whilst Leo Silva was not up to his old standard at second man. "Chico" Ribeiro out-bowled George Sherriff, who seems to have lost confidence since his return to the game.

Willie Cameron Plays Marvellous Game

IN the absence of Malt, Ted Post took over a rink again, but he lost pretty badly to Teddy Fincher at Cox's Road. His lead, Charlie Gough, was useful and held Arthur Perry, but Reggie Broadbridge, though perhaps not quite so consistent, was more brilliant than Chris Pitt. W. Mulcahy was patchy, but Teddy Fincher was good throughout the game.

It was anybody's game when Tommy Madar met Jim Shepherd, but the former had the best of a very low-scoring game by a brace of shots, chalking up 3 in the last couple of ends.

Norman Bebbington's four only just managed to tie with John Fender, some brilliant work in the last few heads doing the trick.

At the 20th head, for instance, the visitors lay the shot—possibly 3—when "Bobb" went down to play. The kitty was visible through a narrow port, but it needed only a pound-on shot to achieve his result. With his first wood he moved the Jack, which rebounded off one of his own woods to leave the Police four with the shot, his wood running on. But with his second one he made the same narrow port and carried the objective back to his own wood and another of the side's to score three. The two shots were perfect.

Fender might have saved half a point if he had gone for it, but he did not put his whole heart into either of his woods.

Willie Cameron, back to the fold, played a marvellous game—there is no other word for it—as lead to Post.



E. G. Post, Police skip, about to send down a wood with his opposite, Teddy Fincher, of K.C.C., looking on. K.C.C. won by 4½ points to ½, and Fincher beat Post 24-11.

STEPHENS' RINK STRIKE BEST FORM TO WIN 36-4

By "Skip"

Up on two rinks—some consolation — Prison Officers no doubt felt themselves a trifle unlucky to lose to Kowloon Tong, but when one considers the overwhelming defeat which Walter Bagley's rink sustained at the hands of the rink skipped by J. L. Stephens, the neutral observer must admit that they deserved to lose.

Thirty-six to four—all singles—tells its own tale, a tale of high class bowling against a rink which was not only having no joss but not bowling well enough to deserve any.

Norman Mackay, T. K. Lim and Jimmy Wong gave Stephens all the help he needed.

J. McCutcheon after a couple of losses to Costello came back to winning form against Jimmy Kew, one of the leading skips in this division. Alfred Spary had a lead of half a dozen on Gowland but, aided and abetted by his front men, of whom

both woods being "sitters" nearly every head.

Ebbage And Sykes In Even Struggle

IN the game at Austin Road Arthur Rakusen was the only successful Civil Service skip. P. A. Peckham being his victim. Neither the leaders nor second men excelled, and the game developed into a battle amongst the second half of the rink. Here Vic Ebbage and Len Sykes had a great struggle with honours even. The latter was frequently able to add a shot, his opponent having to save. He did this with regularity, whilst Rakusen, having to play a similar game on account of Peckham's ability to draw, was nearly always there when required. He drew a couple right on the Jack at the very last head when the home team had had visions of the count of six which they needed to tie.

Percy Holloway played a good game as lead to Lockhart, who played well himself to beat Harry Strange, quite the best man on his side, Burling having a poor day. "Brum" Simmonds—despite all reports to the contrary—turned out as lead in McGowan's rink, but he met his master in Bicknell, who was very consistent throughout.

Jack Deakin began very well for the visitors but went off his game just when Elliot Purvis, third man, came along. But the combination was not strong enough for Meyer's four, apart from the kind way the woods ran for the latter—and also the benevolent way in which McGowan presented shots to his opponent. Atkins was steady, whilst Gill and Meyer both played well.

Cullen's Judgment Was Right

THE finish at Hung Hom was very exciting as the Indians needed four to tie at the last head, which Cullen was contesting against Minu. They made an epic attempt to save a point at least, and were counting three—and a measure for four for a tie—when Cullen had his last wood to play. He went down to the head and scanned it and, deciding that the Docks had it, went back to the mat and threw his wood away. It was a near thing, but his judgment was right and the Dock team thereby got four of the five points.

Cullen's rink went down badly to Minu, whose men were all in good form, especially the lead and skip.

Young Bob Lapsley was once more in fine form as lead to Ferguson and he may be said to have laid the foundation for the latter's 9-shot victory over Abbas, though Tommy Coleman also played well—with a tough customer in A. M. Rumlajn to counter.

Alec Calman's four played a splendid drawing game, against Dallah and had their reward. Charlie Thom was holding Jeff Hosen, but A. K. Small had little opposition from Colin Loran. Calman built his heads well to obliterate the rink of any big counts as a result of Dallah's pile-drivers.

ELECTRIC DESERVE PRAISE

By "Skip"

HONG KONG ELECTRIC HAD TO FIELD SEVERAL NEW MEN IN ORDER TO MAKE UP A TEAM, AND THEY ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR BEING ABLE TO DO SO—THEIR BOWLS CONVENER MUST HAVE A THANKLESS JOB.

Dan Gardner, after a losing debut but the previous Saturday, won his first match, beating Coelho quite comfortably. Thanks to a count of 6 on the second head, he was never in any trouble. Willie Macfarlane, a chip of the old block, showed promising form in his first game as three.

Reg Butler was only a singleton down to such a useful skip as Medina, but Jim Lunny could do little against Dr. Karanjia after the ninth head, after which he scored only a single shot, though he kept the Medico's score down to reasonable proportions.

Rain Proves Help To Winners

KOWLOON Bowling Green Club had some pretty anxious times against Club de Recreio, but here again the rain helped the winners. Jordan, for instance, scoring a couple of nap hands just after the resumption. He played very well throughout, one really spectacular shot carrying the Jack from three of the enemy's wood to score four. Sid Walker was his best player and he had to steam some to undo the excellent leading work of F. P. Sequelra.

Hughie Nish beat Yvanovich by 9, but here again it was the last 4 heads which made nearly all the difference. "Ala" Alarcon began badly against Wallis, but he stuck to his task well and was rewarded by a three shots win.

Dramatic Win By Ogden

AT Sookunpoo Bob Ogden had a dramatic nap hand at the last head to beat Wabab by a singleton after being down by no less than 20-4 as late as the 14th head.

This must be one of the most sensational recoveries on record and included another 5 as well as a count of 4.

A. C. Sufiald won his second game in succession and was good value for it against such an old bowler as Downman, former Police and Kowloon Football Club first team player, but S. M. Rumlajn and Tommy Ferguson had a fine long battle before the former emerged victorious.

bowlers than cricketers are! Younghusband was all over Bob Meadows, every one of his men finding form. Tony Lapsley, like his brother, played a truly remarkable game for one so young.

Bill Field had the next best result, being 20 up on Jimmy Jack who, although he played a few good shots, never had a chance.

Polly Jack did well to hold Ernie Kern for half the game, but the home team gradually wore down the opposition to win by about half-a-dozen shots.



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LEAGUE BOWLS CHANGES FOR TO-MORROW'S GAMES

BASEBALL FIXTURES CANCELLED

In view of the fact that the Asheville-Tulsa team have played only two games so far in the Baseball League, which must be concluded this month, all their unplayed matches will be cancelled.

TO-DAY'S PAIRS GAMES

Following is to-day's programme in the Third Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship:

AT RECREIO
L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro v. C. E. Marques and J. E. Noronha
T. Coleman and P. Youngusband v. A. J. Kew and Y. S. Tang

AT KOWLOON F.C.
J. Williamson and C. S. M. Thom v. G. Willerton and G. Davies
E. Levett and H. Spang v. A. B. Coleman and W. Gill

AT KOWLOON B.G.C.
J. M. Jack and A. E. Perry v. W. B. Harris and A. Soutar

AT CRAIGENGOWER
S. Ecclestone and J. Shepherd v. G. E. Thompson and E. V. Searle
W. Burling and M. N. Rakusen v. N. J. Bebbington and J. F. MacGowan

AT CIVIL SERVICE
S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar v. W. McLeod and W. S. Dail

The Second Round match between Steven and Selby and Willerton and Davies was not played, the former pair conceding a walk-over as Steven is not quite fit at the moment.

BASKETBALL FIXTURES

Following is to-night's basketball programme at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.:

Trojans v. Residents' Union (7.30 p.m.)
Chinese "Y" v. Youth (8.30 p.m.)

Dr. V. N. Azevedo, Kowloon Football Club lawn bowler, is leaving soon on a short vacation.

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CRAIGENGOWER CHANGE SKIPS IN SECOND DIVISION

By "Skip"

WHILE CRAIGENGOWER ARE MAKING NO CHANGES IN THEIR FIRST DIVISION TEAM FOR TO-MORROW, A GREAT MANY HAVE BEEN EFFECTED IN THE SECOND DIVISION TEAM FROM THAT WHICH LOST TO K.F.C. ON JULY 26 (THEY WERE RESTING LAST WEEK).

Karanjia, Way and Randall, skips on July 26, will not be figuring in those positions this week. Karanjia returns to Third Division, Way will not be playing and Randall takes over one of the No. 3 positions.

This week's rinks, as compared with those that played on July 26, given in brackets, are as follows:—

Li Siu-wing, Xavier, Randall and Medina (Leonard, Lam, Zimmerman, Karanjia), Broadbridge, Pavri, Lammer and Ward (Broadbridge, Pavri, Baptista, Way), Solina, Curd, Baptista and Franks (Solina, Lammer, Ladd, Randall).

In Third Division, Rosario, who was No. 3 to Medina last week, will have a rink comprising Leonard, Pavri and Ladd, the last-named being the only newcomer to this quartette. Two changes, in the middle positions, are noted in Coelho's four, Modi and N. Leonard coming in as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in the places of Alves and Franks.

Karanjia's rink is the same, excepting that Alves will be No. 2 in place of Modi.

K.B.G.C. Changes

KOWLOON Bowling Green Club are making only two changes in their three teams for this week. In their First Division "A" team Guy plays No. 3 to Hall instead of Sherriff, while in the First Division "B" team Turpin will be lead to Peckham in place of Hodder. No changes have been made in the Third Division team.

Hyde At No. 3

KOWLOON Football Club are making only one change in their Second Division team from that which beat Kowloon Cricket Club last week, this being in Youngusband's rink, Hyde coming in as No. 3 in place of Atienza.

In Third Division, however, a number of changes are noted. Ogden retains the same four, but Dowman, who led Thomson, Williams and Mezger last week, will have a new rink in Frost, Williams and Abbas. Ferguson, who led Thomson, Abbas and Fuller last Saturday, is not playing this week. The third rink will comprise Dobson, A. Thomson, Gibson and Fuller.

INDIAN Recreation Club are using two of their Third Division players for their senior game against Civil Service, on the latter's green, as they are resting in Third Division and the changes, therefore, will not affect the latter.

Abbas' rink will be the same as that for last week, and the same applies to Modi's four, but Dallah will have S. M. Rumjahn, Third Division skip, and U. A. Rumjahn, usually No. 3 in one of the Third Division rinks, as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in the places of A. K. Ismail and A. Bakar.

Deakin Skipping

CIVIL Service Cricket Club are making a few changes.

McKay takes the place of Harper as lead to Rakusen, while Crawley, lead to Strange last week, goes to Deakin's rink as No. 2. It is to be noted that Deakin was No. 2 to McGowan last week, but has taken over the four this time. McGowan going as No. 3 to Strange vice Burling. Crawley's place in this rink will be taken by Gellatly.

No. 3's Switched

KOWLOON Tong are making a few changes in their Second Division team for their match against Hong Kong Football Club, the only rink remaining intact being Stephens' four.

In Kew's rink H. A. Castro comes in as lead in place of Tang, who goes to Spary's four as No. 2 in place of Phoon, while Howard and A. E. Castro, No. 3's for Kew and Spary respectively last week, switch places.

Following are the selected teams:

CRAIGENGOWER
First Division (v Kowloon B.G.C. "A", home):—J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (skip); A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (skip); A. A. Razaek, I. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rossette (skip).

Second Division (v Kowloon C.C., home):—Li Siu-wing, J. H. Xavier, J. W. Randall and M. J. Medina (skip); S. R. Solina, W. J. Curd, M. A. Baptista and E. S. Franks (skip); W. E. Broadbridge, J. K. Pavri, L. E. Lammer and W. Ward (skip).

Third Division (v Hong Kong C.C., away):—S. Leonard, R. K. Pavri, G. S. Ladd and D. A. Rozario (skip); F. A. Delgado, A. E. S. Alves, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (skip); L. M. Roza, F. K. Modi, N. Leonard and A. J. Coelho (skip).

KOWLOON F.C.
Second Division (v Club de Recreio, away):—B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden and W. V. Field (skip); A. Lapsley, W. C. Ogley, W. Hyde and P. Youngusband (skip); W. Naet, A. E. Eastman, W. C. Simpson and E. Kern (skip).

Third Division (v Club de Recreio, home):—G. E. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. MacIntyre and R. M. Ogden (skip); G. Frost, B. Williams, Y. Abbas and C. Dowman (skip); J. Dobson, A. Thomson, J. Gibson and C. H. Fuller (skip).

KOWLOON B.G.C.
First Division "A" (v Craigengower C.C., away):—W. L. Walker, G. W. Deacon, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip); W. McNeill, H. White, L. Guy and A. J. Hall (skip); R. P. Phillips, E. Levett, J. McKeivie and R. Duncan (skip).

First Division "B" (v Club de Recreio "A", away):—C. E. Turpin, V. C. Dixon, L. Sykes and P. Peckham (skip); H. Bicknell, E. A. Atkins, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (skip); P. Holloway, G. W. Elphick, H. E. Drew and H. C. Lockhart (skip).

Third Division (v Electric R.C., home):—J. A. Fraser, A. J. Rogers, E. V. Searle and H. Nair (skip); W. M. Wilson, J. S. Dingen, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip); J. Hurst, S. C. Walker, C. E. Langley and L. A. Jordan (skip).

INDIAN R.C.
First Division (v Civil Service C.C., away):—A. K. Safford, M. B. Hashan, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (skip); J. Hodson, S. M. Rumjahn, U. A. Rumjahn and A. R. Dallah (skip); D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu (skip).

CIVIL SERVICE
First Division (v Indian R.C., home):—J. Gellatly, W. H. E. Colledge, J. F. McGowan and H. E. Strange (skip); H. McKay, M. Scott, V. S. Ebbage and M. N. Rakusen (skip); E. W. C. Simons, P. D. Crawley, M. E. Purvis and J. W. Deakin (skip).

KOWLOON TONG
Second Division (v Hong Kong F.C., home):—H. A. Castro, A. Madar, W. J.

NEW ROYALS' FORWARD

Royal Scots, who have lost two of last season's Rugby players in Captains Douglass and Duke, will probably be fielding a number of new-comers this season, and the inclusion of Capt. W. R. T. Rose, one of the new arrivals, is expected to add punch to their pack.

Capt. Rose, who has signified his intention of turning out regularly this season, is described as a clever and experienced product of Fettes College.

TARLETON RAISES ISSUE

The colour ban which prevents certain boxers from competing for British titles, though allowed to contest in Empire Championships—Tommy Martin in the heavy-weight division is at present appealing for the raising of the ban—comes to mind with the statement of Nel Tarleton, holder of the British and Empire feather-weight championships. He says that the ban should be lifted, and if the Board of Control do so, he is prepared to stake his titles against Kid Tanner, British Guiana champion, who has resided in England for the past three years.—Reuter.

UPSET IN COLONY BOWLS TIE

K. C. HAMILTON AND A. M. HOLLAND CAUSED AN UPSET YESTERDAY WHEN THEY DEFEATED A. E. COATES AND B. W. BRADBURY 20-15 IN THE THIRD ROUND OF THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP AT KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB.

It was a good game with all four players doing well on occasion, but the consistency of the Kowloon pair won the day for them.

Some big scores were returned, the highest total of the day being claimed by the Omar brothers, who scored at 18 ends to total 38 against C. Gowland and J. McCutcheon, who scored only 3, at Police R.C.

The match between A. E. P. Guest and T. A. Madar (K.C.C.) and A. Eastman and W. C. Simpson (K.F.C.) was postponed owing to Volunteer duties.

K.B.G.C. Pair Through

At Kowloon Football Club K. C. Hamilton and A. M. Holland beat A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury 20-15 after scoring at 10 ends.

Three singles in a row gave the winners a slight lead at the 3rd end, and then another 1 0 2 0 4 saw them 10-3 up at the 9th. Bradbury and his partner then scored 3 1 0 2, only to see the other side replying with a 4. Nothing daunted, however, the Craigengower pair came back with 1 1 1 2 to trail 14-16, but 1 and 3 by Holland made the issue fairly safe. Bradbury only managed a single at the last end, the scores being:—
A.M.H.: 111010204002040000130=20
B.W.B.: 000101010310201112001=15

Very Good Game

The game between D. A. Rozario and J. S. Landolt (Craigengower) and P. A. Peckham and W. McNeill (Kowloon Bowling Green) at Police R.C. was always interesting in that the latter put up a very good fight despite the fact that they were fighting an uphill battle.

Opening with a three the Craigengower pair conceded 2 1 1 before running away again with 1 1 0 2 3 7 6 at the 9th. Then another run of 4 0 3 2 0 2 0 2 put them 24-14 ahead, but Peckham scored a 2 at the penultimate head and chalked up a similar score at the last to lose by two after a very good game. Scores were:—
J.S.L.: 300001102004032
02030=20
W.McN.: 021110010110200
20202=18

18 Scoring Ends

At Police R.C. the Omar brothers were far too good for Gowland and McCutcheon, and scored at 18 ends to total 38 against their opponents' 3, all of which were from singles.

In a one-sided game like this, comment is superfluous, the scores alone serving as sufficient indication regarding the run of play. They were as follows:—
U.M.O.: 1041112114102220
211346=30
J.McC.: 0100000000010001
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One-Sided Game

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club J. V. Ramsay and R. McFarison beat C. Vas and J. C. Remedios by 28-0, the winners (Continued in next column).

Howard and A. J. Kew (skip); N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (skip); H. Gillins, J. Tang, A. E. Castro and A. Spary (skip). Reserve: M. B. Phoon.

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S.C.A.A. TENNIS "DOUBLE"

South China A. A. scored a tennis "double" yesterday when they won their postponed Third Division match against Recreio, and also took the points in their Fourth Division fixture with P. O. R. C. (1).

As a result they have consolidated their chances of carrying off honours in both divisions, scoring maximum points so far in both sections. It is interesting to note that in both divisions they are the only teams with 100 per cent records.

The Fourth Division game between Craigengower Cricket Club and Kowloon Indians Tennis Club which was to have been decided yesterday was postponed owing to Volunteer duties.

THIRD DIVISION

South China Up

At King's Park yesterday, South China Athletic Association beat Club de Recreio by 7½ sets to 1½, (the scores being:—

F. J. Remedios and J. Fonseca (Recreio)

drew with K. H. Ip and S. Y. Li 6-6

drew with J. Hsu and H. C. Kwok 6-6

lost to K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong 3-6

H. A. Noronha and R. A. Marques (Recreio)

lost to Ip and Li 4-6

lost to Hsu and Kwok 5-7

drew with Chan and Wong 6-6

P. A. Yvanovich and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)

lost to Ip and Li 0-6

lost to Hsu and Kwok 2-6

lost to Chan and Wong 1-6

Table To Date

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	8	8	0	0	55	17	10
A.T.C.	6	5	1	0	40½	13½	10
C.R.C. (2)	7	5	2	0	43	20	10
C.C.C.	5	4	1	0	26½	18½	8
C.D.R.	4	4	2	0	32½	21½	8
K.I.T.C.	5	3	2	0	26	19	6
K.C.C.	6	2	4	0	16	38	4
C.R.C. (1)	3	1	2	0	12½	14½	2
H.T.G.C.A.	5	1	4	0	10½	34½	2
H.K.U.T.C.	7	1	6	0	20½	42½	2
I.R.C.	7	0	7	0	13	50	0

FOURTH DIVISION

South China Win

Post Office Recreation Club (1) lost to South China Athletic Association by 3 sets to 6 at Caroline Hill, the scores being:—

J. Howlett and W. G. Morrison (P.O.R.C.)

beat K. C. Wong and K. C. Siet 6-4

beat Y. K. Ng and P. Y. Kwok 7-5

beat S. S. Yau and T. H. Wong 6-0

D. Fitches and Y. S. Fung (P.O.R.C.)

lost to Wong and Siet 2-6

lost to Ng and Kwok 1-6

lost to Yau and Wong 4-6

S. S. Chim and C. I. Chan (P.O.R.C.)

lost to Wong and Siet 0-6

lost to Ng and Kwok 3-6

lost to Yau and Wong 3-6

Points For F.C.

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Filipino Club by 3 sets to 6, scores being:—

A. R. Pollak and M. Talar (J.R.C.)

lost to B. Poon and P. Poon 4-6

drew with T. Koo and J. Man 6-6

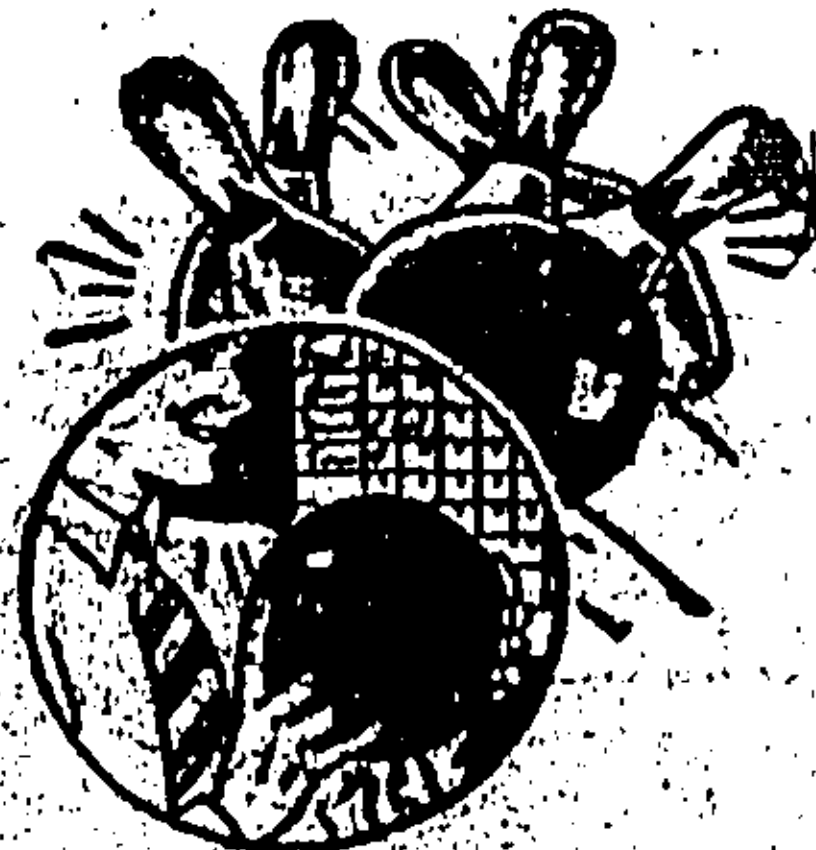
lost to K. K. Yip and L. F. da Souza 2-6

B. Godkin and S. Rambler (J.R.C.)

drew with Poon and Poon 6-6

beat Koo and Man 6-2

beat Yip and Souza 6-4



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GROOMING OF NEW PONIES TO COMMENCE SHORTLY

THERE'S NO NEWS FROM THE STABLES APART FROM THE FACT THAT THE SECOND BATCH OF AUSTRALIAN PONIES ARRIVED HERE LAST WEEK.

SHANGHAI TENNIS PROSPECTS

FOLLOWING THE ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THESE COLUMNS ON WEDNESDAY ON THE 1941 SHANGHAI LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS, TAKEN FROM THE "CHINA PRESS," THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS FROM THE "NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS" MAKE INTERESTING READING:—

Considering that Lewis Carson—the perennial champion—is not competing this season, it was most surprising to find only 17 entries for the men's senior singles championship, compared to 20 participants in the men's doubles.

Once again Chinese players dominate the list in both competitions, only six foreigners entering for the singles and eight foreign teams in the doubles, and unless an upset occurs, the Chinese should rule the roost completely.

Of the singles competitors the outstanding entry is, of course, V. T. Wang.

Carson's Only Defeat

Wang, in fact, holds the distinction of being the only local man to have taken the measure of Carson, which he accomplished in the French Hardecourts singles final in 1935. This was, incidentally, the only occasion that Carson has lost a local single engagement (apart from exhibitions against visiting stars).

The principal threat facing Wang

H. Talbot and A. Odell (J.R.C.)

lost to Poon and Poon 1-6

lost to Koo and Man 1-6

lost to Yip and Souza 0-6

Chinese Beat I.R.C.

At Sookunpoo, Chinese Recreation Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 6½ sets to 2½, scores being:—

M. H. Hassan and M. K. Sing (I.R.C.)

lost to K. C. Lai and W. C. Choy 1-6

beat C. N. Tsang and T. F. Chiu 6-2

beat K. N. Wong and Y. Chan 6-2

M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razak (I.R.C.)

lost to Lai and Choy 0-6

lost to Tsang and Chiu 4-6

drew with Wong and Chan 6-6

A. J. Sufflad and A. R. H. Esmail (I.R.C.)

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F.C.	10	7	3	0	58	29	14
I.R.C.	8	3	4	1	27½	44½	7
A.T.C.	8	3	4	1	35½	35½	6
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J.R.C.	8	1	7	0	23	40	2
P.O.R.C. (2)	8	1	7	0	14	58	2
K.I.T.C.	8	0	8	0	7½	64½	0

There were 15 griffins and 26 subscription griffins in the last batch, together with 7 ponies for transshipment to Bangkok. These were, it is understood, for the Government there and were not meant for racing.

The new arrivals look well enough, though it is difficult as yet to judge them as they still have their long coats on. The work of grooming them will commence in the course of the next few days.

The first lot that arrived here some time ago, are being ridden every morning at the Race Course, but will not be drawn for until later in the year, after the third and final consignment for 1942 has arrived.



will come from the three other outstanding Chinese players in the tournament—Kho Sin-ouel, the younger brother of Kho Sin-ouel, T. C. Chang and Harry K. F. Li.

Two "Old Reliables"

Of the foreign entries, the only outstanding names are the old reliables, Humberto Collaco and C. C. "Dud" Squires.

Other entries of note are A. M. Rozario, last year's winner of the junior singles championship, "Poker" Tong, F. T. Indricksen and Z. L. Zia.

Of the imposing 20 teams entered for the doubles tournament, the names of V. T. Wang and Harry Li once again appear in a prominent light. Wang and Li reached the final round of the championship last year, bowing to Carson and Squires.

Japanese Threat

The only threat appears to lie in the powerful Japanese combination of Okada and Kiyosu, the latter having been ranked fifth in Japan's doubles teams several years ago.

"Dud" Squires has entered the competition with Sullivan, while the combinations of Kho Sin-ouel, "Poker" Tong, E. Tsai-Tony Liang and Green-Indricksen should also bear watching.

Roper Cup Entries

The Roper Cup—International Doubles Competition—has drawn five entries, China, Japan, America, Britain and Portugal, and here—as in the doubles—a China-Japan final is indicated. Once again the competitors should be V. T. Wang and Harry Li (China) and Okada and Kiyosu (Japan).

America, who won the title from China last year, with Carson and Squires, will probably be represented by Squires and Sullivan, while Britain should field the Cricket Club combination of Stokes and Benavitch, Humberto Collaco and A. P. Canavarro will probably take the field for Portugal.

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

The International Baseball series is due to start on Sunday, August 17. Portugal, winners of the last series, are again entering a team, while China, under "Grandpa" Leung, are now practicing hard.



Two of the teams taking part in the water-polo tournament being run by 2nd M.T.B. Flotilla and H.M.S. Redstart, which commenced on Wednesday in the European Y.M.C.A. pool. The team in the photograph at left, which won by three clear goals, comprised Lt. Comdr. G. H. Gandy, Carr, Downey, Foster, Bartlett, Dyer and Carlston, while the losers, above, were Sub-Lt. Burth, Mitchell, Innis Thorpe, Cook, Blamire and Hugheson. The use of "Mac Westers" is a condition of the tournament, handicapping experienced swimmers and aiding the beginners.

POLO CLUB PLANS

Hong Kong Polo Club's activities have been restricted for some time owing to the wet weather, but Capt. L. J. A. Fielden, Hon. Secretary of the Club, states that it is hoped to get the programme really under way early next month, with the Cup competitions starting towards the end of September.

The competitions will probably be opened with games for the Lady Stubbs Cup, but the club's major tournament, the K. O. Y. L. I. Cup, will not be held until much later, possibly sometime in November.

Asked if there were any new players this season, Capt. Fielden said that he had heard of a few having joined, but owing to the fact that there had been no games

MINIATURE FOOTBALL INTERPORT

Hong Kong Miniature Football Association are staging an Interport match against Macao shortly.

The date has not yet been fixed, but the match will be held in Macao between August 16 and 23.

for some time, he could not make any statement about them, adding however, that one of them, Lieut. Comdr. Young, who had played a great deal in Malta, is reported to be a fine player.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL MEETING

A meeting of representatives of the civilian junior clubs affiliated to Hong Kong Football Association will be held this afternoon at the Association's offices at 5.30 p.m.



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BRITISH LOSSES IN GREECE AND CRETE

Full Details Given In House Of Commons

Germans Leaving Bohemia Large Number Missing, Fate Unknown

Goering's sister-in-law has arrived in Switzerland from Bohemia, where her husband, Alfred Goering, has been manager of the Skoda works for the last two years, it was learned in Czech circles in London yesterday.

She was allowed to move her possessions from the Reich in a railway truck which presumably contained furniture.

Reports reaching London show that many other rich Germans who took refuge in Czechoslovakia to escape R.A.F. raids are returning to Germany owing to the growing tension in Czechoslovakia.

From the number of influential Germans who are either leaving Bohemia or sending their families back to Germany, Reuter learns it is evident that serious trouble is apprehended before long. — Reuter.

DR. C. H. BURTON

It is learned that Dr. C. H. Burton, who left the Colony for Australia some little time ago, has now been appointed to the Australian Army Dental Corps with the rank of Captain.

BRITISH LOSSES in Greece and Crete were detailed by Capt. Margesson, Secretary for War, in the Commons yesterday when he gave information in his possession.

It was not possible yet, he said, to say how many of the missing were prisoners of war.

In Greece, the total British force at the start of the German attack numbered 57,757. Of these 44,865 were evacuated.

The force in Greece at the start of the German attack comprised 24,100 British, of whom 16,442 were evacuated, 17,125 Australians, of whom 14,157 were evacuated, and 16,532 New Zealanders, of whom 14,266 were evacuated.

Crete Losses

In Crete the total force at the start of the German attack numbered 27,550, and 14,580 were evacuated.

Of 14,000 British, 7,130 were evacuated.

Of 6,450 Australians, 2,890 were evacuated.

Of 7,100 New Zealanders, 4,560 were evacuated.

The figures giving the strength in Crete at the start of the German attack included men evacuated from Greece and not re-evacuated to Egypt before the operations in Crete. — Reuter.

Calm Of Sorts In Bangkok

The simultaneous warnings of Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Cordell Hull against any Japanese move in Thailand made a great impression in Bangkok.

The opinion is generally held that Mr. Hull's statement is good as far as it goes but that a more specific statement is necessary if America is to play an effective part in dispelling the war clouds in the Far East.

A CALM OF SORTS NOW PREVAILS IN THE JAPAN-THAI SITUATION BUT AN UNDERCURRENT OF ANXIETY IS NOT IN THE LEAST ABATED.

The Japanese report that Britain, America and China have protested against Thai's recognition of Manchukuo is denied in Bangkok official circles.

They add that anyway China would not lodge a protest as there are no diplomatic relations between China and Thailand. — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

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BRITONS LEAVING SAIGON

Although the British consulate has not given orders, a proportion of the small British colony in Saigon is evacuating on Monday to Singapore.

The party consists chiefly of women and children.

The movement of Japanese troops through Saigon is abating somewhat, giving rise to the supposition that they are making more use of water-borne traffic up the Mekong mouths.

All official French buildings in Saigon have suddenly started sporting enormous white crosses on the roofs.

It is understood this is due to a Vichy order to ensure the safety of French property in the event of an armed conflict in the Far East, which indicates French non-belligerency.—Reuter.

Another Raid On Sicily

Another war base in Italy has been raided by British aircraft, it was revealed in yesterday's Cairo R.A.F. communique.

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT FLEET AIR ARM AIRCRAFT ATTACKED THE SUBMARINE BASE AT AUGUSTA IN SICILY.

Many direct hits from a low altitude with heavy bombs were scored.

R.A.F. and South African bombers during the same night raided Derna, Benghazi and other ports in Italian and German hands.

Three enemy planes were destroyed in a raid on Malta the same night.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S POLICY

THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION WAS THE SUBJECT OF A CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER IN WASHINGTON, MR. R. C. CASEY, AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, YESTERDAY.

Mr. Casey declined to comment on Japan's southward expansion beyond saying "Australia strongly believes that the place to defend Australia is as far away from Australia as possible."—Reuter.

Tokyo Massing In Manchukuo And On Thai Border

SEVEN AND EIGHT COLUMN BANNER HEADLINES IN LAST EVENING'S LONDON NEWSPAPERS CARRIED THE NEWS, LEARNED IN AUTHORITATIVE LONDON QUARTERS EARLIER IN THE DAY, THAT THAILAND IS "UNDOUBTEDLY IN A POSITION OF DANGER."

The "Evening Standard" headlined its report "Japan threatens Thailand and Vladivostok. One million of the Soviet's best troops ready. Tokyo masses in Manchukuo."

The "Evening News" headlines read: "Japan masses striking force 100 miles from Vladivostok. Siam's position dangerous," and gave prominence to the Tokyo broadcast yesterday that "war may come at any moment."

A review of the war situation given in authoritative quarters in London yesterday shows that in Manchukuo the Japanese are reported to be massing possible striking forces between Harbin and the northern border of Korea—about 100 miles from Vladivostok—while in Indo-China the Japanese have occupied Siemreap, 250 miles from Bangkok, capital of Thailand, which country was described as "undoubtedly in a position of danger."

It is thought in London that Thailand would do its best to resist if Japan took military action.

In The North

During the past few weeks the Japanese have been reinforcing their 250,000 men in Manchukuo and northern Korea and there is evidence they are preparing more defensive positions.

Japan would have no difficulty in reinforcing its armies in Manchukuo and Korea through Port Arthur and Dalny, but it is pointed out that the Russian army in Siberia is very strong.

The Russian Far East army has a total strength of roughly 1,000,000 men, is composed of the most highly-trained and best-equipped Soviet troops and has good generals.

The Japanese have the disadvantage of having to keep a great part of their military strength in China.

Thailand's Position

They have landed 50,000 men in Indo-China and are occupying eight aerodromes in that country. Thailand's armed forces total about 50,000 and its equipment is fairly limited, although their air force makes up for its limited size by its quality.

EMPHASIS WAS LAID IN LONDON ON THE BELIEF THAT IF JAPAN ATTEMPTED TO ATTACK SINGAPORE HER RESOURCES WOULD BE TAXED TO THE UTMOST.

Huge sums have been spent on making Singapore more powerful, and the British Air Force there is superior in quality to anything Japan can bring against it. Reinforcements have recently been sent. The Malay Princes are co-operating enthusiastically in plans for the defence of their country. Burma is now also in a far more favourable position to repel any assailant.—Reuter.

BRITISH INVASION VISIONS

The prospect of a British invasion of the Continent is beginning to be put forward in the American press as not outside the realms of possibility.

An expedition somewhere to the north, possibly with Russian collaboration, is now being regarded as both practicable and logical.

THE DANGERS OF SUCH AN OPERATION ARE NOT MINIMISED, BUT IT IS FELT THAT BRITAIN HAS FORCES EQUAL TO THE TASK.

The New York "Daily Mirror" in particular deprecates the "blitzkrieg" and suggests that an invasion of Nazi-occupied territory might well be attempted.—Reuter.

BILL APPROVED

The India and Burma (Postponement of Elections) Bill was read a third time in the Lords yesterday.—British Wireless.

COLONIES MUST BE IN THE WAR

Instructions to Colonial Governments on the proper use of economic resources in wartime were published in London yesterday as a White Paper.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a despatch, recommends reduced spending on non-essentials, accumulation of resources for improving the standards of poor populations and continuation of economic developments.

"The economic needs of war require that efforts much more greatly commensurate with those now being made in this country be made by all inhabitants of the Colonial Empire who enjoy a comparatively high standard of life."

"It is an imperative duty, however, to do all practically possible to raise the standard of large Colonial populations whose standard of living is so low that this policy cannot and should not be applied to them even in wartime."

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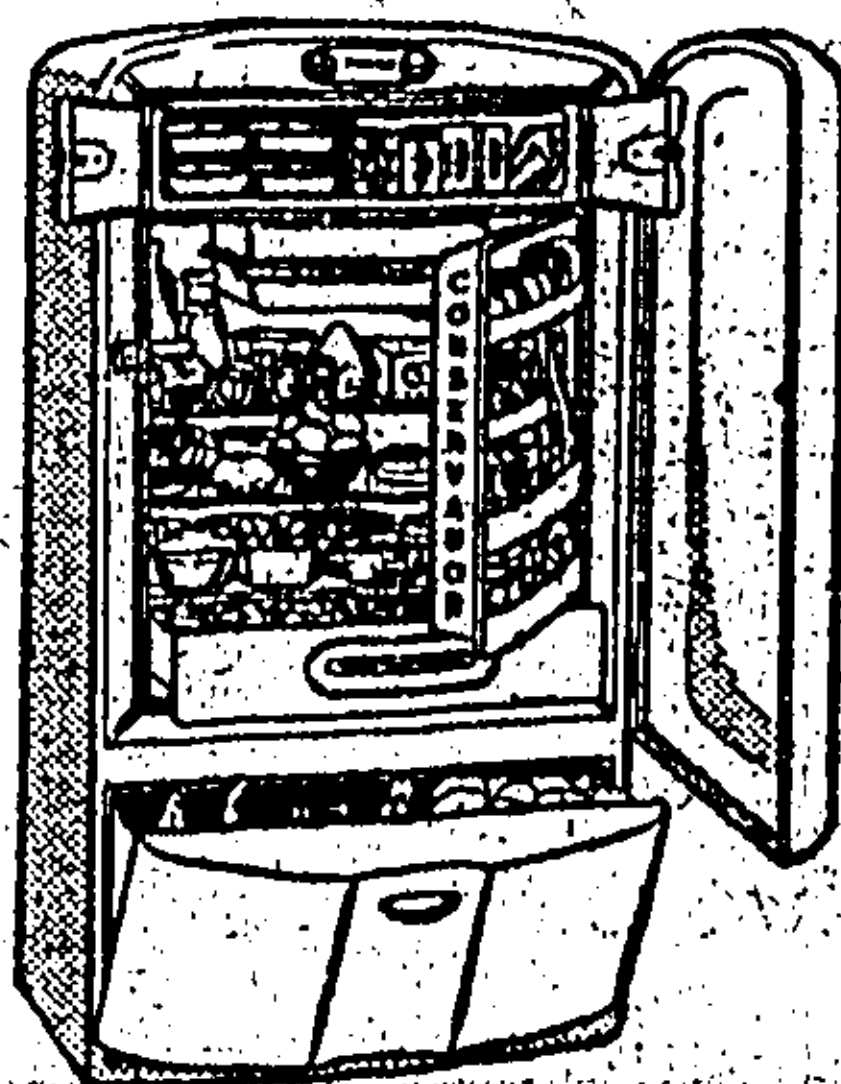
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THAIS BAN JAPANESE AIRCRAFT

It is reported in Saigon that Thailand has refused passage to a four-motored Japanese passenger seaplane from Saigon to Bangkok.

The plane was due to pick up the Thai delegates to the Boundary Commission who have not yet arrived.—Reuter.

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Initiative In Middle East Passes Entirely To Cairo

AXIS FEARS AN EARLY OFFENSIVE

THE INITIATIVE in the Western Desert has now passed into British hands completely, it was stated in authoritative quarters in London yesterday.

The Axis powers, instead of threatening an attack on Egypt, are talking nervously of the possibility of the British attacking Libya, Sicily and the Greek islands.

It was stated that the recent British offensive on the Sollum front took such toll of German armoured fighting vehicles as to rule out an offensive by the Nazis on that front in the near future, even if it were possible while Tobruk is still holding out.

The British invasion of Syria finally wrecked Hitler's whole Middle East plans and put an end to the northern prong of his two-pronged attack — through Libya and Cyrenaica, on one hand, and through the Balkans on the other.

Italian resistance in East Africa is now limited to the Gondar and Wolcheft pockets. Gondar is estimated to have about 3,000 white Italian troops and 6,000 natives, and Wolcheft a similar number of white troops and 1,000 natives.

Surrounded

This is causing Britain to keep some troops in East Africa to mop up the enemy but the enemy, surrounded and unable to get supplies, would eventually fall into British hands.

All possible troops have been shifted to other parts of the Middle East, and the British have had to block the territory linking Egypt with Turkey, safeguarding Cyprus and shielding Iraq. Although the German advance in Russia is held and has slowed down everywhere, the Nazis still hold the initiative but undoubtedly the German High Command is disappointed at the slowness of the advance and the heavy losses.

Russian Situation

Latest reports indicate no great change in the Russian situation.

Hitler's armies on the Smolensk front are more or less stationary.

The Nazis are progressing in the Ukraine in a south-easterly direction and if the thrust there gains any considerable success, they might be able to get to the Caucasus and so towards the British Middle East positions.

The Russian army in Siberia is very strong being composed of the most highly-trained and best-equipped Soviet troops. It proved itself superior in the frontier clashes with the Japanese. — Reuter.

DOUBLY MIRACULOUS

COMMENTING ON WEDNESDAY'S GERMAN SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE THE SWISS PAPER "NEUE ZUERCHER NACHRICHTEN" WRITES:

"If the figures given correspond to the truth it appears doubly miraculous that the Red Army is fighting just the same without a sign of exhaustion, and is even hitting back."

The Berlin correspondent of the "Gazette de Lausanne" writes: "It is natural that the special communique should raise public morale after these long weeks of silence but for our part we have not observed any new fact in these military statements which, however, officially confirmed the Russian Army's importance and power of resistance, which nobody dared predict." — Reuter.

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INDIANS IN ACTION

INDIAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE WESTERN DESERT NEAR THE SPOT WHERE THE FOURTH INDIAN DIVISION COVERED ITSELF WITH GLORY LAST WINTER, SAYS AN INDIAN ARMY OBSERVER IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN A DESPATCH RECEIVED IN SIMLA YESTERDAY.

The brigadier commanding the newly-arrived troops offered a reward of a bottle of champagne for the first German brought in dead or alive.

The prize was won by Mahrattas within 48 hours. An enemy car, whose driver had apparently lost his sense of direction, swept past a Mahratta post and at once was captured. — Reuter.

U.S. NOT SATISFIED

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, told his press conference yesterday that the Note from France was substantially along the lines reported in press despatches from Vichy.

Asked whether the new assurances were satisfactory, Mr. Hull said he still wished to know more about what was happening in Vichy.

Mr. Hull indicated that the Vichy Note might be published later.

His remarks led some observers in Washington to infer that the Note in itself has failed to satisfy the U.S. Government entirely regarding the defence of French Africa and other military bases and concessions. — Reuter.

RUSO-BELGIAN RELATIONS

Arrangements have been made for an exchange of representatives between the Governments of Soviet Russia and Belgium following a meeting yesterday of the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Paul Spaak, and the Russian Ambassador to Britain, M. Ivan Maisky.

The meeting took place at the Secretary of State's room at the Foreign Office. — Reuter.

CANDID CONFESSION

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ROOSEVELT PROPOSAL APPROVED

The U.S. Senate yesterday approved keeping conscripts in service for 18 months beyond the present active service periods, says Reuter from Washington.

CHINESE VICTORY AT ICHANG

AFTER DESPERATE FIGHTING THE JAPANESE COLUMNS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BACK, LEAVING 1,700 DEAD NEAR THE WALLED CITY OF ICHANG. THE CHINESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID IN CHUNGKING.

The Chinese have captured large quantities of arms and supplies.

The Japanese forces in the vicinity of Ichang have launched three unsuccessful attacks recently to disperse the Chinese concentrations, the spokesman added. — Reuter.

SHARP CLASH ON FRINGES OF TOBRUK

EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS made in the Italian communique in regard to an attack by British troops on enemy positions in the salient at Tobruk were refuted by authoritative quarters in London yesterday.

It is stated enemy casualties were heavy although a correct estimate is impossible.

British casualties were 28 killed, 104 wounded and eight missing.

Heavy fighting took place round a post on the enemy's left flank, where 28 of the enemy were killed.

The British troops, after fierce fighting, entered a post on the enemy's right flank.

The enemy then put down a very heavy mortar and machine-gun barrage, causing many casualties to their own troops as well as the British.

After dark information was received that the post on the enemy's left flank had been captured and held by two officers and 17 men, including eight badly wounded. They had eight German prisoners.

Strong infantry parties were sent over to relieve the post but they were delayed by fire and meanwhile the enemy attacked and overpowered the garrison. — Reuter.

Dust Storms

DUST STORMS LIMITED ACTIVITIES IN LIBYA ON WEDNESDAY, ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S BRITISH MID-

STRIPPING THE FRENCH RAILWAYS

Details about the mass seizure of French rolling stock found by the Allies among secret Vichy documents in Syria show how desperate are the needs of the German State Railways.

To remedy this shortage, which is more deeply felt every month, French rolling stock was looted immediately after the armistice.

By August 4, 1940, there remained 375,000 carriages of the 450,000 existing in September, 1939. By the beginning of this year only 250,000 carriages were left to France—just over half the French stock prior to the armistice and far below France's vital needs.

Lorries and motor cars were taken by the thousands but the Germans have been specially strict about military transport of all kinds.

As regards caterpillar vehicles, a Vichy official "bulletin" of February 15, 1941, reads: "German demands in this field reach the limit."

"Arguing that it was within its rights to obtain more disarmament guarantees in order to proceed with the war against Britain, the German Armistice Commission requested delivery of all caterpillar vehicles which up to then were only kept in stock, ammunition carriers and tank-carrier trucks." — British Wireless.

DLE EAST COMMUNIQUE IN CAIRO

The communique stated: "In Libya, extremely heavy dust storms have temporarily limited the activities of our raiding parties in the Tobruk area but under cover of the dust one of our fighting patrols attacked an enemy post, inflicting casualties and capturing prisoners and weapons."

"In the frontier area our artillery and machine-guns engaged the enemy and one of our patrols surprising a small enemy column, took a prisoner." — Reuter.

CHARGE CONDEMNED

"The most appallingly technical charge of manslaughter it has ever been my misfortune to try," was the comment of Mr. Justice Charles at Leeds Assizes, Stanley Myrtle Holmes, 19, a gardener, Littlethorpe, near Ripon, was found not guilty and acquitted after being accused of the manslaughter of Joseph Harold Reynolds, a 13-year-old schoolboy, Alcey Road, Ripon.

Holmes was alleged to have accidentally shot Reynolds while poaching rabbits. The prosecution submitted that if death was caused during an unlawful act it was manslaughter.

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WASHINGTON MAKES UP MIND

Decides Mr. Churchill Is With Pres. Roosevelt By A Process Of Elimination

AS FAR AS WASHINGTON IS CONCERNED THE ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL AFFAIR HAS PRACTICALLY CEASED TO BE A MYSTERY.

It is argued that Mr. Churchill could be absent in only two places — either in Moscow or with President Roosevelt, and it is thought that any arrival in Moscow could hardly be covered by such an impenetrable blanket of secrecy.

Hence the conviction that the British Prime Minister must be with President Roosevelt.

Interest yesterday therefore centred not in whether they are meeting but why.

Some of the best political observers are of opinion that the meeting portends enormous events and steps.

ONE THEORY IS THAT MR. HARRY HOPKINS BROUGHT BACK WORD FROM MOSCOW OF THE URGENCY OF FULL SUPPORT FOR RUSSIA, TO ENSURE THAT SHE COULD HOLD GERMANY.

If they are actually meeting, its importance seems to be shown by the fact that no diplomatic exchanges or arrangements preceded it.

"Great Secret"

There is strong reason to believe the State Department knew nothing of the meeting or the arrangements for it. It is felt the details were known only to three men: President Roosevelt, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Churchill.

It was thought in Washington yesterday that if it is true that the American Chiefs of Staff and Col. Frank Knox (Secretary of Navy) were with President Roosevelt, then Mr. Churchill was probably not there, because of the obvious political repercussions in Congress to the British Prime Minister talking to the heads of America's fighting Services.

More "Fishing"

However, there is fairly convincing evidence that General George Marshall and General Arnold are both fishing in Chesapeake Bay, nowhere near President Roosevelt's resort at Campobello, and there is no real evidence that Admiral Stark and Colonel Knox have gone there either.

Meanwhile an official despatch from the presidential yacht "Poto-mac" states President Roosevelt is keeping in close touch with international affairs by naval radio. THE DESPATCH ADDED THE WEATHER WAS EXCELLENT AND THE FISHING GOOD.

There was no mention of the rumours of a possible Roosevelt-Churchill meeting.—Reuter.

WAR BOND CHANGES

Certain technical changes are announced in the Treasury's war borrowing.

After August 14 the present issue of 2½ per cent. National War Bonds, 1946-48, which now total some \$400 millions, will be discontinued.

The issue of 3 per cent. Savings Bonds, 1935-65, will continue substantially unchanged.

Thus the Treasury will revert to the earlier practice of relying solely on one market issue.

As an encouragement to small investors the maximum life of 3 per cent. Defence Bonds available through Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks will be increased from seven to 10 years, effective on September 1.

Savings Certificates and other features of the Defence Bonds will be unchanged.—Reuter.

Danger From The East

"I am confident India will rise to even greater heights of glory than in the last war to the defence of her territory and the Empire," said the Maharajah of Patiala to Reuter in Singapore yesterday.

He added: "I am glad to see the Indian troops happy and proud to fill an important role in Empire defence."

"India is determined to defeat the enemy and the day is not far when the latter will be completely destroyed."

He added India realised the danger from the East. The war effort of the Princes of India was such that if the call came India's response would not suffer for lack of men.—Reuter.

AIR LOSSES COMPARED

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary for Air, gave an analysis showing the number of British, German and Italian aircraft lost or destroyed on all fronts, excluding the Russian, during May, June and July, in answer to a Commons question yesterday.

Sir Archibald explained that the analysis was compiled from British official communiques.

In May, 149 British planes were lost, 335 Germans and three Italian.

In June, the figures were 227 British, 277 German and 52 Italian.

In July, the British lost 285, the Germans 326 and the Italians 64.

This gave a total over the three months of 661 British, 938 German and 119 Italian.

British losses include those incurred in Iraq and Syria.

Enemy losses do not include aircraft whose nationality was not established or aircraft destroyed by the Fleet Air Arm or by the guns of British warships or merchant vessels.—Reuter.

R-A-F. KEEPS UP STERN OFFENSIVE

FURTHER WIDESPREAD activities by the R.A.F. over Germany and Northern France were reported in an Air Ministry communique issued yesterday.

The communique stated that Bomber Command aircraft seeking enemy shipping in daylight on Wednesday bombed a small convoy escorted by destroyers off the Dutch coast.

After the attack one vessel was seen down by the stern with smoke pouring from it.

On Wednesday night, although the weather was even less favourable than the previous night, Bomber Command aircraft attacked objectives in Frankfurt, Mannheim and Karlsruhe.

More large fires were started and a considerable weight of bombs dropped in each city. Eight aircraft are missing from the night's operations.

Fighter Attacks

Fighter Command aircraft attacked a number of aerodromes in Northern France during the night. One aircraft is missing.

Coastal Command aircraft torpedoed an enemy vessel off the Norwegian coast during the night and bombed an aerodrome in Norway. One aircraft is missing.—Reuter.

Coast Pounded

British bombers pounded the Nazi-occupied French coast

around Calais and Boulogne early yesterday with loads of heavy explosives.

Residents on the south-east coast of England saw the vivid flashes of German anti-aircraft fire and heard the rumble of bomb explosions muffled by a stiff north-west wind.

The raid started a few hours after German coastal batteries had shelled Dover, damaging 20 houses, and injuring three men and two women.

Fierce anti-aircraft fire thwarted a German air raid on the Thames Estuary. High explosives were dropped at a number of places in south-east England with no serious damage.

The British raid on the French coast was carried out by swarms of bombers, some of them American-made. Bombs were dropped from a tremendous altitude.—International News Service.

OIL FIRE DISASTER ON THAMES

It is learned that a serious fire and explosion occurred on Tuesday at the premises of a firm engaged in the manufacture of oil products on Thames side.

Seven casualties were reported, and the cause of the fire is being investigated.—Reuter.

GERMAN LOSSES OF SUPPLIES

During the past 18 months, said Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, in the Commons yesterday, the Germans imported from the Soviet substantial quantities of essential war materials, including cereals, oil, timber, manganese, chrome and cotton.

Oil imports for this period were in the neighbourhood of one million tons, including lubricants and aviation spirit.

In addition, the trans-Siberian railway was Germany's only link with the Far East and during recent months goods reached Germany by this route at a rate well over 500,000 tons yearly.

They consisted mainly of animal and vegetable oils and fats but also included rubber, tin, copper and tungsten.

Immediate result of Germany's unprovoked aggression against

AVIATION PETROL SHORTAGE

Mr. Harold J. Ickes, U.S. Petroleum Administrator, yesterday announced that four American tankers are being transferred to Russia to transport aviation petrol.

At the same time he told reporters that there was a shortage of aviation petrol in the United States which might possibly have severe effects on military and commercial flying unless the capacity for producing it was increased immediately.

Mr. Ickes added that the transfer to Russia might contribute to a limited general petroleum shortage in West Coast areas and declared a compulsory plan to conserve petrol on the East Coast might be not far ahead.

Mr. Ickes concluded by saying that despite the efforts to influence motorists to cut down consumption the amount used on the Atlantic seaboard had actually materially increased in the last fortnight.

"Causing Concern"

The problem of increasing America's capacity for producing aviation petrol, which requires special machinery, will be taken up by Mr. Ickes on August 11 at a meeting in Washington of the chairman of regional oil industry committees.

Mr. Ickes added that the situation regarding aviation petrol was "causing a good deal of concern."—Reuter.

MR. LYTTLETON BOUND FOR SYRIA

Mr. Oliver Lyttleton, Minister of State, accompanied by his wife, stayed on Wednesday night at Government House in Jerusalem as guests of the High Commissioner. They are on the way to Syria.—Reuter.

Russia was, of course, to cut off further supplies from and through Russia. Nor, as things are, could these be replaced by German imports from any other source.—Reuter.

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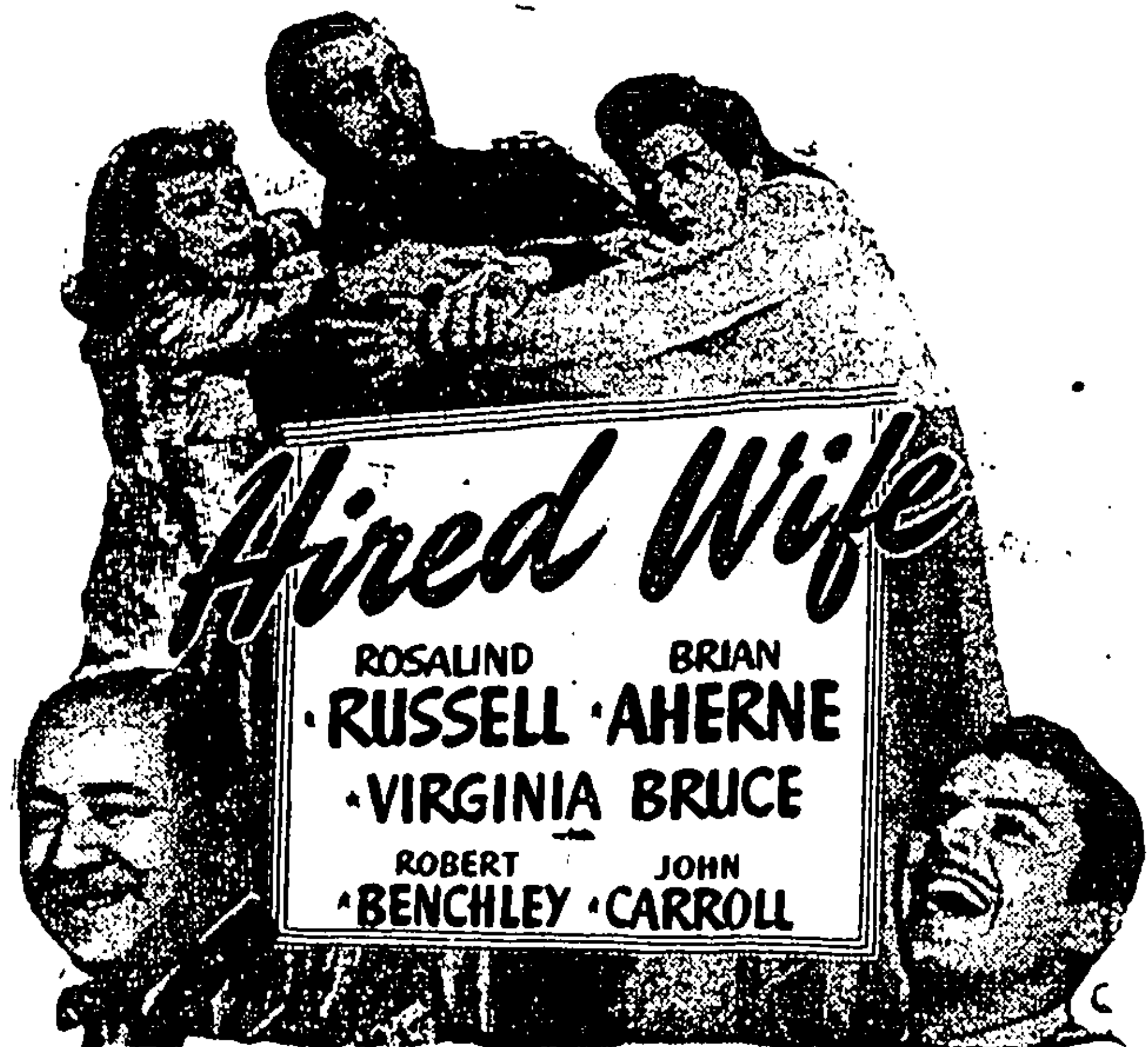
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BRITAIN MUST NOT BURN THEME: NEW FIRE GUARD SYSTEM

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

"BRITAIN MUST NOT BURN" is the theme of a new decision by Government regarding fire-fighting in residential areas.

In the opinion of Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Security Minister, the people's fire-bomb army must have both adequate numbers and the esprit de corps that comes from good organisation and training.

To secure these he is issuing instructions rendering all men between 16 and 60 in vulnerable areas liable to compulsory enrolment unless they are in exempted classes.

Henceforth the fire guard will form part of the air raid warden service but with their own officers and organisation.

Compulsion will reinforce the existing volunteers but must not diminish their numbers and enthusiasm. It will give the compulsory fire guard at places of work an assurance that their homes are effectively guarded during their absence.

Mr. Morrison feels the time has now come to introduce a higher degree of organisation and training for fire watchers, who are now estimated to number 2,000,000.

First step will be to have officers and non-commissioned officers always on duty.

Three Essentials

Commenting on the proposals, Mr. Morrison said that for the success of the scheme three things were necessary.

Firstly, that volunteers who have given their services devotedly for many months continue their work.

Secondly, that all ranks of wardens and the new fire guard leaders achieve the closest co-operation.

Thirdly, cooperation between the national fire service and the fire guards.—Reuter.

PEERESS' FINANCE SUMMONS

LADY HAMBRO, EGERTON-GARDENS, S.W., FAILED TO APPEAR AT BOW STREET POLICE COURT TO ANSWER SEVEN SUMMONSES ALLEGING OFFENCES AGAINST THE WAR FINANCE REGULATIONS.

Mr. A. Lawson-Walton, representing the Director of Public Prosecutions explained that Lady Hambro's solicitors had informed the Director that their offices had been damaged, and asked if there would be any objection to an application for an adjournment. Lady Hambro had been informed that it would not be necessary for her to attend the court that day.

The magistrate, adjourning the case, said there appeared to have been a misunderstanding.

DEATH MYSTERY OF AMY JOHNSON

MONTHS AFTER MISS AMY JOHNSON'S PLANE CRASHED IN THE THAMES ESTUARY, THE IDENTITY OF HER COMPANION, SEEN WITH HER IN THE WATER, REMAINS A MYSTERY.

Able Seaman R. A. C. Dean, of H.M. trawler Haslemere said at the Chatham inquest on Lt.-Cmdr. W. E. Fletcher, 34, who died in trying to rescue Miss Johnson, that he saw two people floating towards him one was a woman. They tried to reach her with lines but failed.

An officer said that he saw Cmdr. Fletcher reach one of the bodies, but he had to let go. "A very gallant action" said the coroner, Mr. T. B. Bishon, who recorded a verdict of "death by misadventure."

NO NAZI KINDNESS

"It sounds incredible, but unfortunately it is true, that there are still Germans who feel friendly towards the Poles," says the Nazi party newspaper "Voelkischer Beobachter."

"Last Christmas the Nazi leader at Ueberlingen (near Constance, Baden) discovered that with the approval of her mother, a 22-year-old woman had decorated a Christmas tree for the Polish prisoners of war working at her parents' farm. This utter shamelessness has been punished with a sentence of 30 months' hard labour for the daughter and 18 months for the mother."

Germans Leaving Bohemia

Goering's sister-in-law has arrived in Switzerland from Bohemia, where her husband, Alfred Goering, has been manager of the Skoda works for the last two years, it was learned in Czech circles in London yesterday.

She was allowed to move her possessions from the Reich in a railway truck which presumably contained furniture.

Reports reaching London show that many other rich Germans who took refuge in Czechoslovakia to escape R.A.F. raids are returning to Germany owing to the growing tension in Czechoslovakia.

From the number of influential Germans who are either leaving Bohemia or sending their families back to Germany, Reuter learns it is evident that serious trouble is apprehended before long.—Reuter.

DR. C. H. BURTON

It is learned that Dr. C. H. Burton, who left the Colony for Australia some little time ago, has now been appointed to the Australian Army Dental Corps with the rank of Captain.

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Possibility Of New Diversions In Axis War

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THOUGH THE CENTRE of interest still lies in Russia there are other directions which call for attention and may soon call for action.

THE NAZI THREAT TO TURKEY AND SPAIN MAY STILL MATERIALISE. WE ARE ON THE VERY VERGE OF WAR WITH JAPAN IN THE PACIFIC, AND IT IS NOT EASY TO SEE HOW JAPAN CAN AVOID WAR WITH RUSSIA AS WELL AS WITH AMERICA.

DORNIER RAMMED BY PILOT

The story of a pilot who, flying at dusk, destroyed a Dornier bomber by ramming it and so sacrificed his own life, can now be told.

The pilot and a comrade were on patrol off the south-west coast when they sighted the German bomber about a mile ahead. It was too far away to be definitely identified at the time but it turned towards the coast.

The leader of the two Hurricanes came up to close range, when the enemy rear-gunner saw him and opened fire.

The fighter pilot identified the aircraft and he and his comrade attacked from alternate sides and saw bullets driving into the enemy's wing.

The German bomber climbed towards a cloud with the Hurricane leader firing into it. The cloud base was very low and it was clear to both fighter pilots that the bomber stood a good chance of getting away.

"I saw my comrade attacking from below," said the Hurricane leader. "He pressed home the attack until the Dornier was at cloud base and then, as it looked like disappearing, crashed straight into it."

"I saw a large part of his machine fall off after the collision and the rest dived into the sea. I circled the spot and while doing so I saw the blazing Dornier plunge into the water."—British Wireless.

BREWERY OUTPUT HALVED

Because it has difficulty in getting coal, a South of England brewery has cut its beer output by half for the past three weeks.

The directors state: "The shortage of bottled beer is particularly acute owing to the large volume of power which is required in the process of bottling of beers and in the washing of empty bottles."

In London there is no shortage of beer; but elsewhere there are local variations in supply, particularly in the Midlands. Transport difficulties, rather than a general shortage of any one material, are the cause.

The manager of a London firm of brewers said: "There is enough beer to go round in this part of the world. Where shortages exist they can be put down to transport difficulties, and unevenness of demand, and other local conditions brought about by the war. I do not know that coal is a main cause."

Another manager said: "We are actually supplying another brewery, and we should not be doing that if we were short of coal. Nor is the other brewery's trouble a shortage of coal."

Hitler is bringing heavy pressure to bear on his "sponges" in Vichy and is trying to squeeze out of them the possession of ports and air bases on the West African coast.

We must be prepared to act in any or all these directions. Our resources will certainly be called on to support an additional strain, but it is not one beyond our powers to deal with, and fortunately we are prepared and with reserves at hand in each case should an emergency arise.

On the Russian front the Germans are again making vast claims but the facts as they are known to us show so far nothing to support them.

The Germans, with their allies the Finns, are still struggling on the north-western shores of Lake Ladoga and have not even reached its eastern end.

There are no advances towards Leningrad. They claim to have captured Kholm but this is a very doubtful claim and is not in a direction seriously threatening the Russian position at present.

THE BATTLE OF SMOLENSK HAS CLOSED, AS FAR AS THE NAZIS ARE CONCERNED, BUT THE ROAD TO MOSCOW SEEMS JUST AS FIRMLY CLOSED AND IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT THE BATTLE MAY REOPEN SHORTLY—THIS TIME, HOWEVER, ITS REOPENING WILL BE DUE TO RUSSIAN INITIATIVE.

Held In Ukraine

In the Ukraine the Germans are not making any vital progress—if indeed they are making any progress at all.

The successful defence of Moscow from attack by the Luftwaffe must be another cause of anxiety to the Germans, for it is clear proof of the power of the Russian Air Force.

Russia's great reserves of troops and planes have not yet been thrown in. There are no indications that the Germans have anything other than tired and beaten troops with which to meet the Russian onslaught when it comes.

In spite of the very gloomy outlook facing the German armies in Russia it is still very possible the Germans might launch out on a new adventure in Northern and Western Africa.

Gibraltar

This might be combined with the march of five or six divisions through Spain for a siege of Gibraltar and in order to establish a shorter communication line with Morocco and Dakar.

A successful move in this direction would give the Germans very great advantages in their Atlantic battle against England but would also constitute a very real threat to all the Americas.

It is not likely the United States would be content to idly watch this move. It would be necessary from the military viewpoint to act quickly and not to allow the Germans and their Vichy allies to consolidate themselves strongly at Dakar.

Tobruk Activity

We are displaying some encouraging activity around Tobruk and in the Mediterranean generally.

It seems as if the Nazis had withdrawn some of the air force from Libya, and perhaps some divisions as well.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR BRITAIN TO STRIKE A DECISIVE BLOW HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

If the North African coast can be cleared of Germans and Fascists while our Navy and Air Force can be solidly established on the north coast of Africa, as far west as Tripoli, then not only will the naval position in the Mediterranean be greatly strengthened but our command of the air in that area as well.

NOR IS THAT ALL—OUR FLANK CLEARED AS FAR WEST AS TRIPOLI, ALL OUR FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD THEN BE FREE TO SUPPORT TURKEY IN CASE OF ANY ATTACK BY THE BULGARIANS AND GERMANS.—REUTER.

BIGGER ARMY IN PEACE

Mr. Bevin Will Work For It

Mr. Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service has declared himself in favour of maintaining an army in peace-time on the same basis as the Navy and the R.A.F.

Referring at a meeting in London to our unpreparedness before the war, he said: "The Navy has come out in the most amazing manner—but the Navy goes on for ever. Its organisation is complete. You may get political holidays, with 6d off the income-tax, which you regret later when it means 4s on, but the Navy continues."

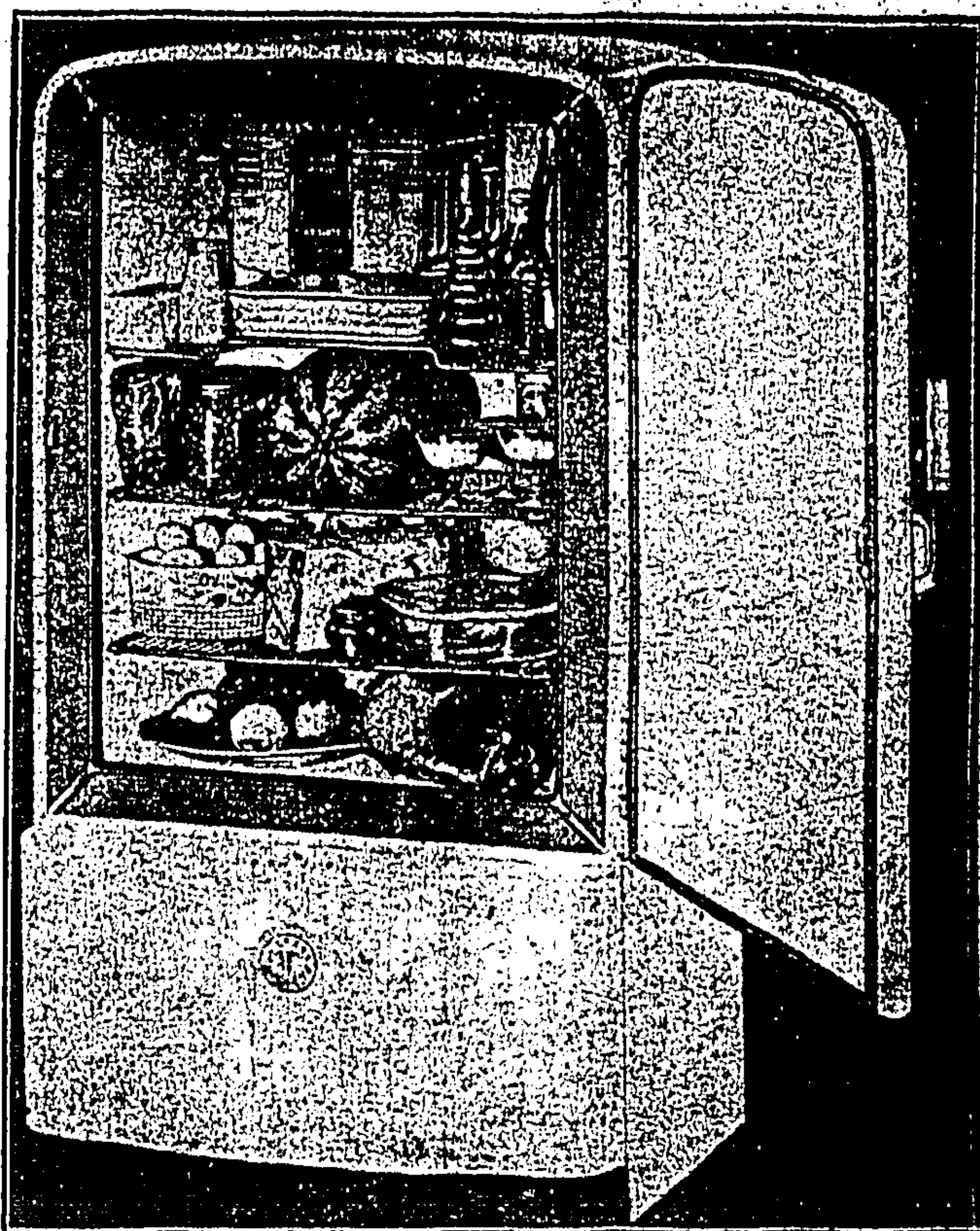
"The Air Force is a new organisation which will have to develop along the same lines. But the Army! You build up an amazing organisation—and when the war is over you discard it—it is dissolved. When the next trouble comes you have to begin again, without even the nuclei."

"If I have anything to do with politics after this war I have made up my mind that the military side must be put on the same basis as the Navy and the Air Force, even if it does mean another 6d on the income-tax. (Cheers.) It is an excellent insurance, and only fair to the men who have to build."

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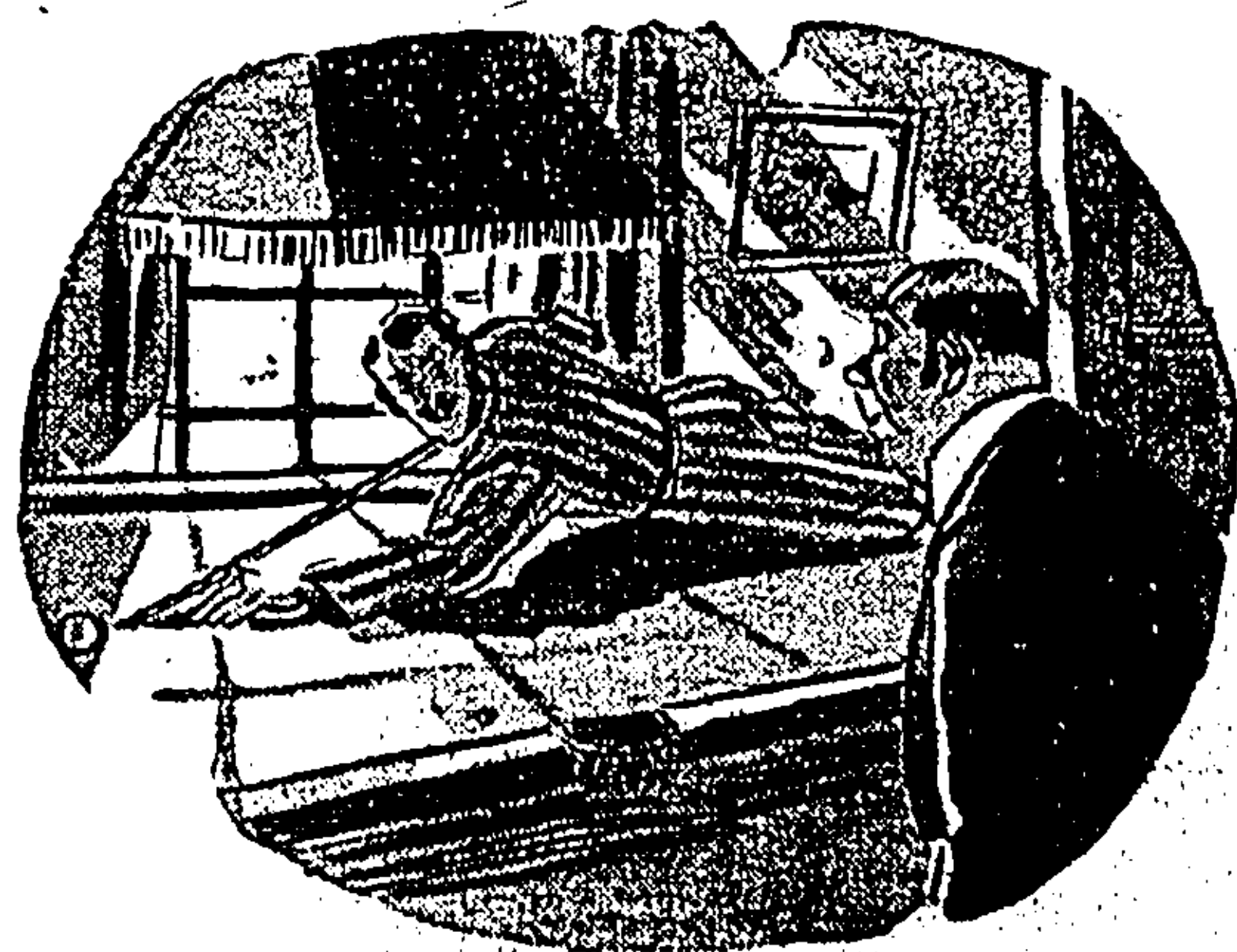


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"Yes, Sir. Keeping your eye in, Sir."

"Hawkins, don't be a parrot."

"Parrot, Sir?"

"Or a cockatoo. In spite of a rather late session, my eye is clear and my hand steady—just watch me go in off the white—there you are—what did I tell you?"

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2870	Junction of King Wah Street and Shun Ning Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 15,000	\$206
						\$9,000

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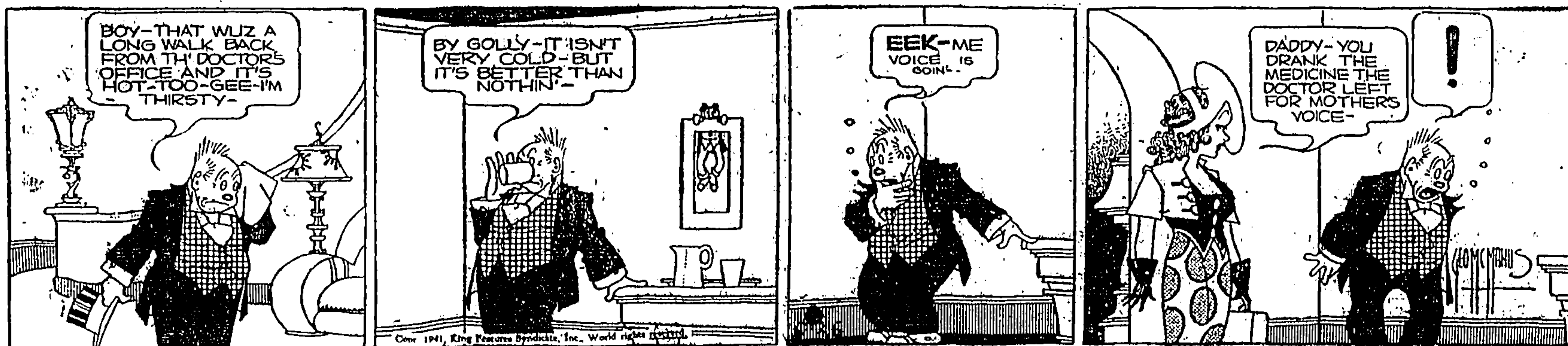
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12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Film Selections.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.

1.15 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.
 Hong Kong Haggle (Rossborough); Phil The Fluter's Ball (French, arr. B. Mayer); The Donkey Serenade (from film "Firefly")—Friml; Stohart; Rush Hour (Williamson).

1.43 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Compositions of George Gershwin.

Cuban Overture—Paul Whiteman & his Concert Orchestra with Rosa Linda at the Piano.

It Takes A Long Pull To Get There. Lullaby (both from "Porgy & Bess")—Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra.

George Gershwin Medley Intro Introduction, Lady Be Good, I'll Build A Stairway to Paradise, The Man I Love (Vocal), S' Wonderful, I Got Rhythm, Rhapsody in Blue, Carrol Gibbons & The Savoy Hotel Orchestra.

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Saschinka—Potpourri of Russian Gypsy Songs & Dances (Schirman); Spring's Delight—March—Intermezzo (Albort); Tales Of Autumn (Pomona)—Waltz (Waldteufel).

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Variety Requests.

Piano—Rustle of Spring (Sinding) William Murdoch; Organ—In A Chinese Temple Garden (Ketelbey).

Reginald Foort; Vocal—Funiculi-Funicula (Denza, text Zanardini) Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra; Orchestral—The Student Prince—Selection The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; Violin—Thais—Meditation (Massenet) Fritz Kreisler with Piano; Vocal—M'Almes Tu? (Fred Perry) Tino Rossi with Orchestra; Octet—Narcissus (Nevin) J. H. Squire Celeste Octet; Piano—Spring (Widana—Chopin, Liszt) Alfred Cortot.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Variety Requests Continued.

Slow Fox-Trot—My Heart Belongs To Daddy (Cole Porter) Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.

Vocal—Wish Me Luck (from film "Shipyard Sally"—Park & H. Parr-Davies). Gracie Fields with Orch.

Trio—The Monkeys Have No Tails in Pago Pago (Raye & others) The Milt Herth Trio.

Vocal—Mexican Magic (from film "Moon Over Burma"—Loesser) Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Oh Johnny, Oh Johnny, Oh (Rose-Olman) Orrin Tucker & his Orchestra.

Accordion Band—Riding The Range In The Sky (Carlton) Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

Selection—Gone With The Wind—Intro; Battle Hymn of the Republic; My Old Kentucky Home; Marching Through Georgia; Massa's in the Cold Cold Ground; Camptown Races; Old Folks At Home; When Johnny Comes Home, Dixie.

Louis Levy's Orchestra.

Vocal—Thank You America (from film "Nice Girl"—Grossman) Deanna Durbin with Charles Previn's Orchestra.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"The Battle of Britain". Radio Dramatisation of the achievements of the R.A.F. Fighter Command during the great days from August 8th to October 31st, 1940. Written by the author of the Air Ministry account, "The Battle of Britain", and Cecil McGivern, with the cooperation of the Air Ministry. Produced by Cecil McGivern.

9.30 p.m.—Light French Variety (on Short Wave only).

Duet—Coches Dans Le Foin (Jean Nohain) Mm. Jacques Pills & Georges Tabel with Piano; Accordeon—Vous Valsez—Waltz (Henry Himmell) L'Accordeoniste Alexander Et Son Orchestre; Duet—La Fille De Levy (Georges Tabel) Mm. Jacques Pills & Georges Tabel with Piano; Accordeon—Comme De Bien Entendu—Valse Musette (Van Parys) L'Accordeoniste Alexander Et Son Orchestre.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Studio—A Programme of Latest "Swing" and Other Dance Music by The Band of A. V. V. Ship.

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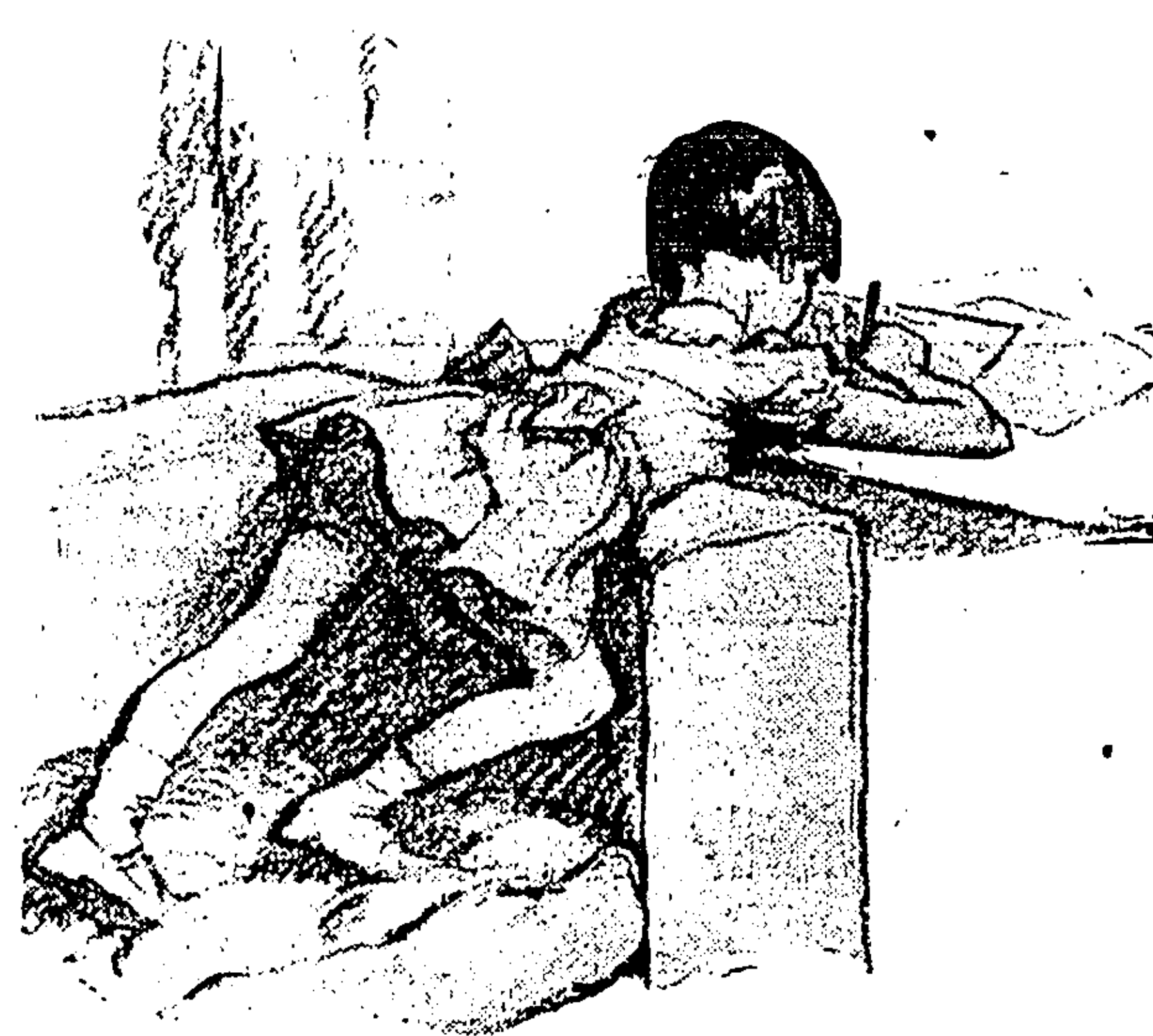
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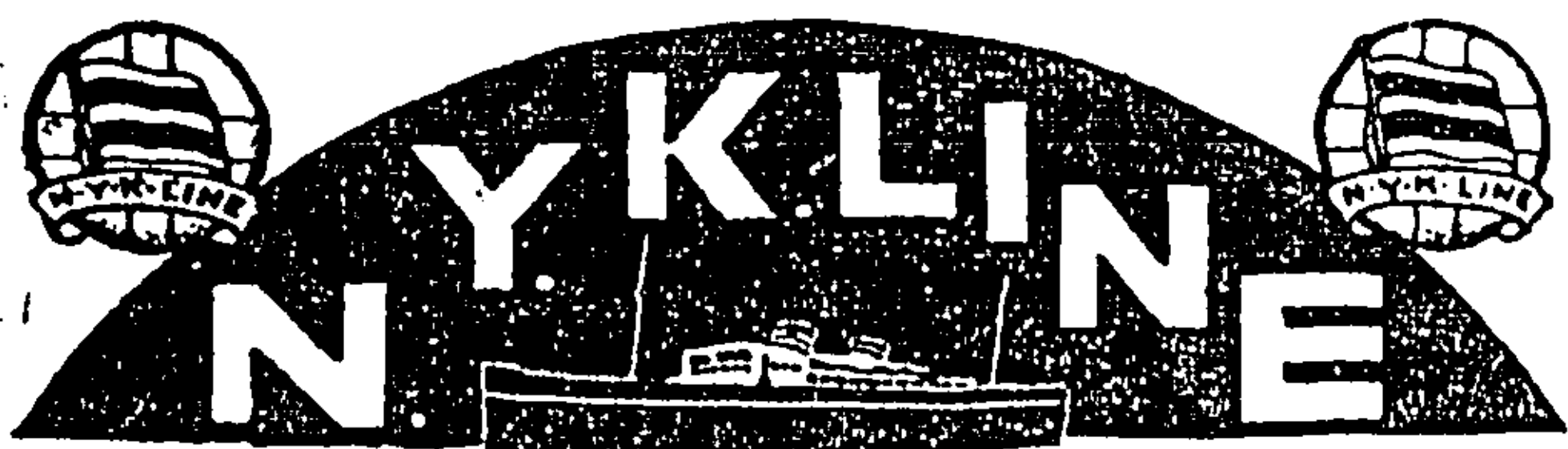
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"My Dearest Mother, by the time you receive this letter you will no doubt know the news, but I want you to keep your chin up and keep smiling. You know, dear, that a war cannot be fought without the loss of lives, but those lives are never given in vain.

"They are given so that Britain shall still remain the first land in the whole world, and come what may, nothing can alter the dignity and love for peace and security that is a Britisher's heritage.

"So remember, darling, I, along with others, died so that our loved ones shall be safe and secure for all time, and in years to come others will die for the ones they love most.

"Well, darling, with my dying breath I'll pray that our sacrifice was not in vain, and I'll say, God bless you, dearest of all mothers. Your loving son, A.L.F."

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At a joint meeting of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association and Army Football Referees' Association, at which Lieut. L. G. Crossby and Mr. J. F. da Silva were elected chairman and hon. secretary respectively, it was agreed that an educational class be started for the benefit of civilian and Services aspirants to Referees' Certificates.

The classes will most likely be held at Army Recreation Hut known as Scandal Point Hall at China Command Headquarters, commencing on Monday, August 18, at 7 p.m. continued on Thursdays and on all subsequent Mondays and Thursdays for a course of eight Lectures which will be concluded with an examination.

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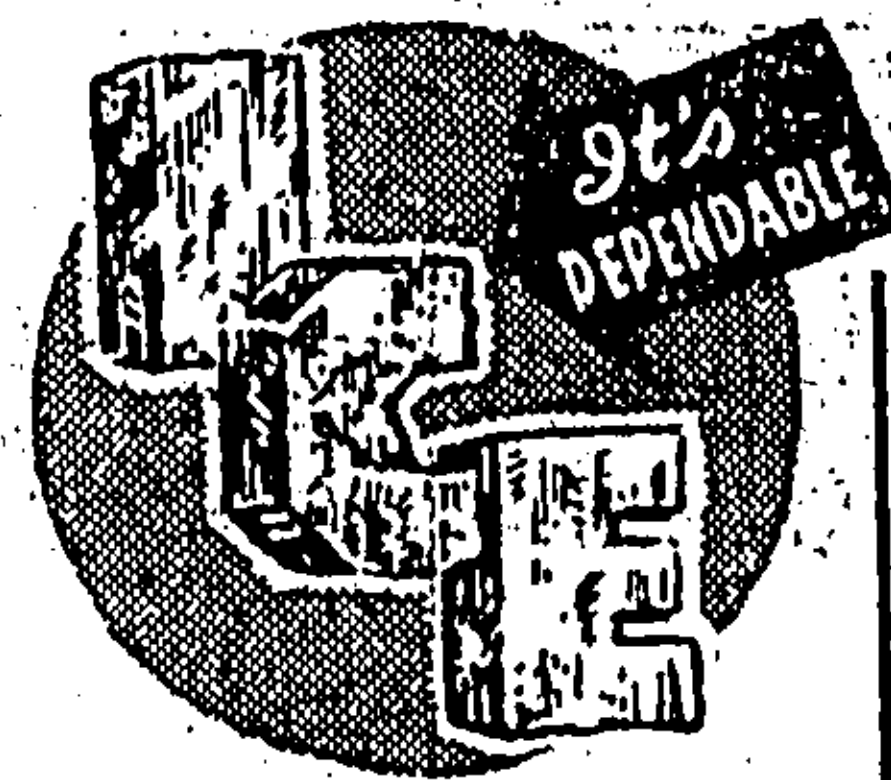
Following a meeting on August 7 of English, Scottish and Services Football Associations, called to facilitate fixture making and prevent over-lapping dates, a number of representative matches were arranged. There is a possibility of two big games a month being played as the programme is expected to include an international tourney between England, Scotland and Wales and representative games between the Services and national associations.—
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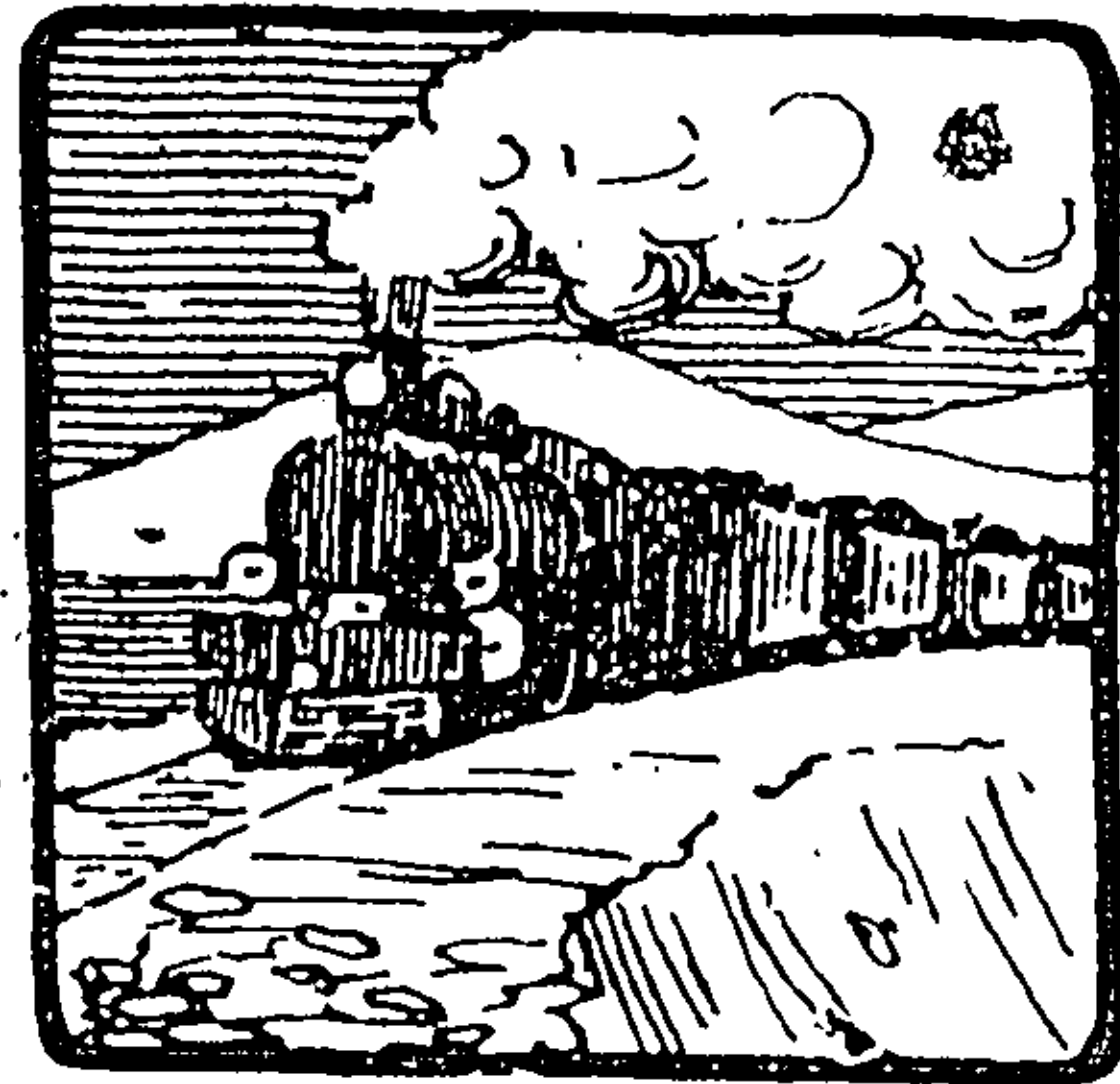
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H.K. CIVIL SERVICE UNDER SHANGHAI FIRE

IN A COMMENT on Hong Kong's evacuation, the "North China Daily News" writes in its issue of July 29:—In dealing with later representations made by the husbands, Hong Kong's civil servants appear to have been neither civil nor to have realised that they were the servants, not the lords and masters, of the public, thereby heaping fuel upon the smouldering discontent with which the original order was received.

Hong Kong residents are inclined to believe that things would have been very different had Sir Geoffrey Northcote, the Governor, been in the Colony at the time. It was their misfortune that he was away on sick leave.

With the situation in the Far East heading for a crisis, an order for evacuation of families would probably be much better received to-day than was the order of a year ago. This however, does not alter the fact that incompetence and favouritism seems to have been rife in the colony. The Home Government's order placed a heavy strain upon the Hong Kong civil service—a strain which that service, supposed to be one of the best in the British Empire, proved quite unable to take. News of the order seems to have leaked about in a select circle, in which the womenfolk were able immediately to obtain posts related to defence of the Colony and to the Government. As a result these women were

outside the scope of the order when it was made public. To lessen the hardships which such an evacuation must necessarily cause in a number of families, an exemption board was promised, but this board did not function until after the evacuation had taken place, and its usefulness was, therefore, confined to considering a few cases in which applications were made for the return of women who had been forced to leave.

The Belief

Certain women who had evacuated under the order were able to return to the Colony without any effort being made to prevent them. That these were women of the wealthier classes not

unnaturally gave rise to the belief that there was discrimination being exercised by the Government—tailors' wives could return; the small man's wife must stay away. In spite of the fact that the hardship on the small man, who had to maintain two households, was much the greater. All round, the evacuation seems to have been handled in a manner which reflects little credit upon those responsible for it.

One is tempted to quote the denunciation of the Civil Service recently made in the House of Lords by Lord Perry, who ought to know what he talked about, since he was Director of Food Production in 1916, is at present adviser to the Ministry of Food, and is also chairman of the Ford Motor Co., Ltd. Lord Perry said:

The British permanent official believes that second thoughts are better than quick decision, and that overnight consideration is better than immediate action. The recruitment of this illustrious body of men seems to get a young man whose ceiling of ambition is short hours, little work, mediocre surroundings, and no responsibility, with the knowledge that he has a cushy job for life, and there is nobody who can discharge him, except death, and, if death is kind, by the quick removal of his seniors, he may get £3,000 a year with the Order of the Bath before he retires on half pay at 60. "Take no responsibility" is the keynote of the Civil Service. Administration is cumbersome, procrastinating, and short-sighted. These opportunities are swathed in forms, ceremonies, and red tape. Such a body is at a serious disadvantage in attempting to grapple with modern warfare.

These may seem harsh words, but in the present instance they appear to be deserved. Many Britons in Shanghai who suffered during the 1937 evacuation of women and children from this port will be able to sympathise with the Hong Kong husbands from firsthand experience. It will be recalled that even that evacuation was not without discriminations which were severely criticised at the time. It proved eventually to have been unnecessary, as it will be hoped the Hong Kong evacuation will prove. In the latter case, however, it is possible that events may justify the Government's ultimate wisdom. But they cannot justify the timing of the order or the manner in which it was carried out.

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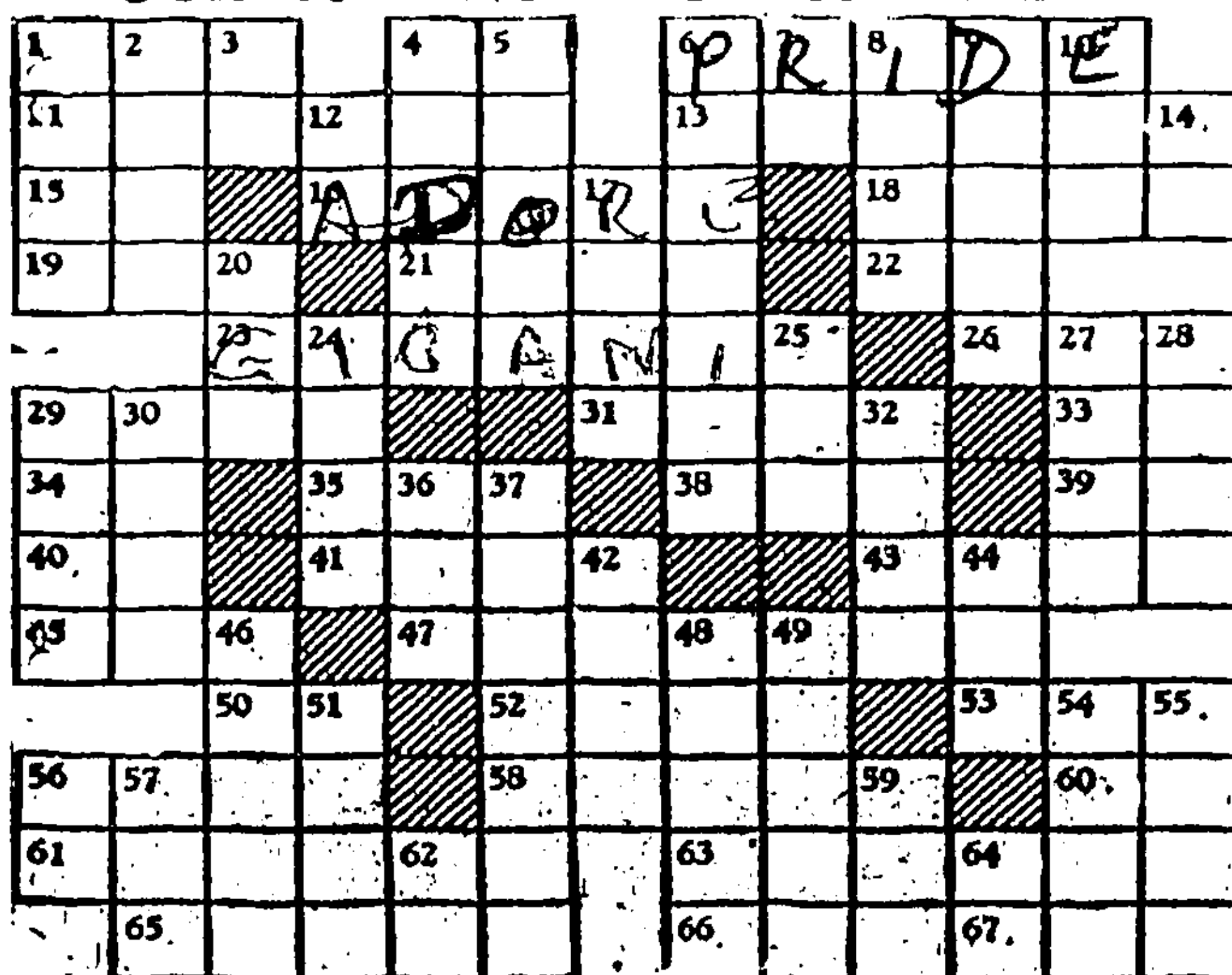
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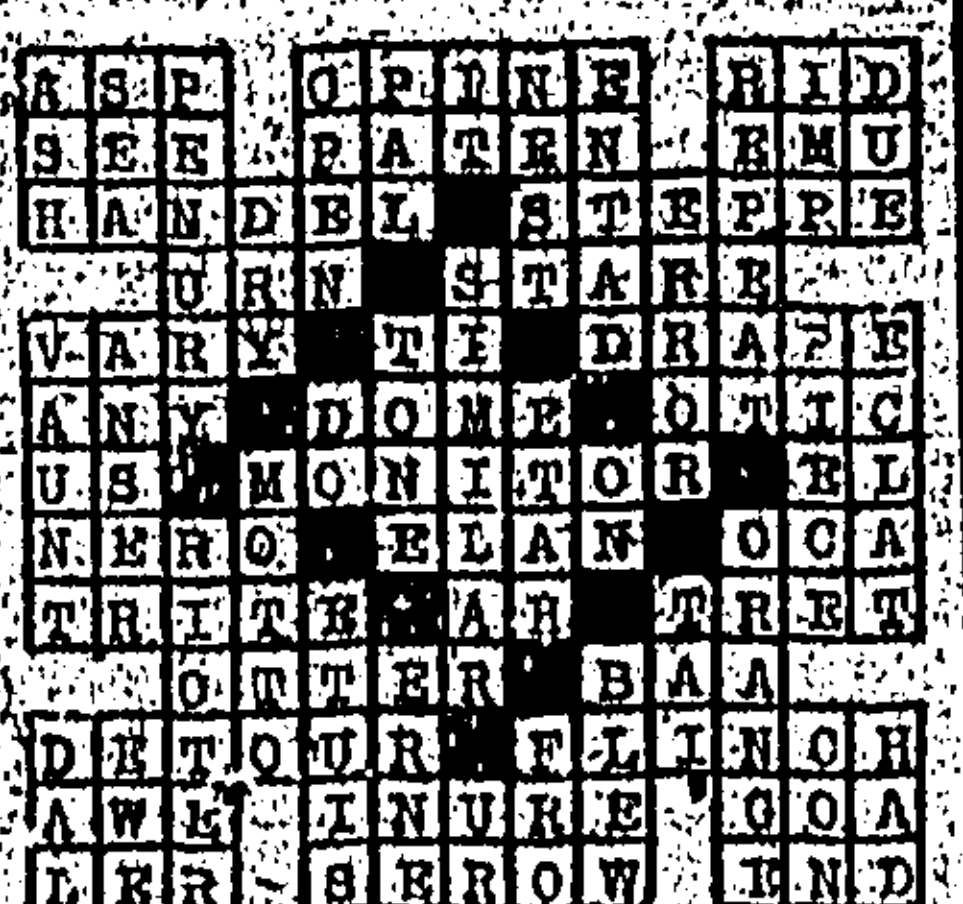
- 1 Object
- 4 To exist
- 6 Self-esteem
- 11 To hold in greater favour
- 13 Woolly
- 15 Therefore
- 16 To worship
- 18 To stuff
- 19 Being
- 21 Marital image
- 22 Pronoun
- 23 Huge
- 24 Wise saying
- 29 To languish
- 31 To allot
- 33 Not airy
- 34 Article
- 35 Part of a circle
- 38 Music, as written
- 39 Toward
- 40 Pronoun
- 41 Cranny
- 43 Snow vehicle
- 45 Nephew of Abraham
- 47 Scaloped
- 50 Conjunction
- 52 To approach
- 53 Precious stone
- 56 Mother of Apollo

- 58 To penetrate
- 60 Spanish for "yes"
- 61 Public speaker
- 63 To rub over with oil
- 65 Transparent substance
- 66 Note of scale
- 67 Price

VERTICAL

- 1 Projecting part of a building
- 2 To smooth
- 3 Pronoun
- 4 To render indistinct
- 5 To eat away
- 6 Gratiates
- 7 Egyptian deity
- 8 Length measure
- 9 Ventures
- 10 Greek letter
- 12 Note of scale
- 14 Printer's measure
- 17 To tear
- 20 Transgression
- 24 To intend
- 25 To consume
- 27 Poker stake
- 28 Forest
- 29 Bucket
- 30 Preposition
- 32 To endure
- 36 Fabulous bird
- 37 Traps
- 42 Sharp
- 44 Limb
- 46 Absolute
- 48 Pertaining to birth
- 49 Place of combat
- 51 List
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- 55 Small insect
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- 57 Unit of work
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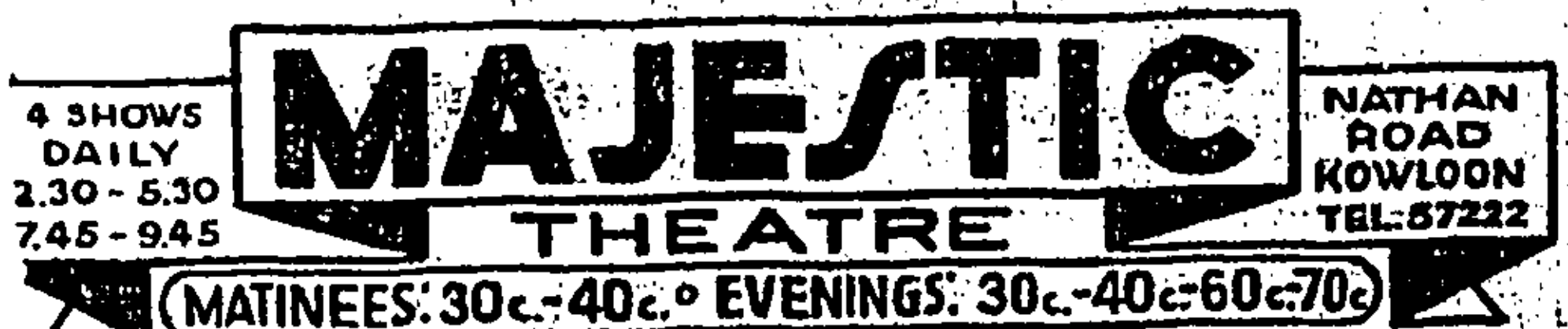
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M.P. GETS ONE FARTHING DAMAGES

ONE FARTHING DAMAGES were awarded Captain A. H. M. Ramsay, interned Member of the House of Commons for Peebles, against the "New York Times Company Ltd." and the "New York Times" by Justice Atkinson in the King's Bench division. The hearing of the action for libel occupied the Judge, sitting without a jury, for six days.

Captain Ramsay complained that a statement in the "New York Times" accused him of treason. There was no plea of justification by the defendant who pleaded qualified privilege and particulars in mitigation of damages. The "New York Times Company Ltd.," a British firm, also set up a defence of innocent dissemination.

Giving judgment, Justice Atkinson said the libel complained of was contained in the "New York Times" on August 25, 1940 and described a visit by Capt. Ramsay to the House of Commons to protest against his arrest. Capt. Ramsay complained that the article stated he belonged to Britain's fifth column, was pro-Hitler and guilty of sending treasonable information to the German Legation.

The plea of privilege was based on the alleged duty of a newspaper to publish matter in the public interest. Prima facie malice was a necessary ingredient in libel but normally it was implied. Justice Atkinson explained that the American Naval Secretary, Col. Frank Knox, sent Col. Donovan to Britain to study activities of fifth columnists and wanted American newspapers to publish articles which Col. Donovan sent back.

Undisclosed Charge

They were published in American papers of repute including the "New York Times" on August 21, 22 and 23. On August 22 Mr. Daniel, London correspondent of the "New York Times," sent his paper a message on which the article of August 25 was based.

The cable stated that Captain Ramsay's arrest was for an undisclosed charge under defence regulations. It seemed to Justice Atkinson that the plea of privilege must fail as he found it impossible to hold that the occasion of publication was privilege.

Duty To Company

The next point of law was whether there was any publication by the English company which distributed 127 copies of the newspaper containing the alleged libel. It was prima facie evidence that anybody who took part in the distributing of libelous matter was a party to publication. But in this case the defence of innocent dissemination was raised. The Judge said it seemed probable that Mr. Daniel would make a point of looking at the "New York Times" when it came here in order to see what use had been made of the information he supplied. If Mr. Daniel, also managing director of the "New York Times Company Ltd.," ascertained in his capacity as London correspondent of the "New York Times" that there was something libelous in the paper which his company was distributing he had the duty to the company to disclose that information.

It was therefore impossible to hold the English company had no knowledge of what was in the paper. The defence of innocent dissemination was not made out. There was a plea in justification of the allegation that Captain Ramsay was a fifth columnist and pro-Hitler but no attempt to justify the accusation of treason made.

Honourable Record

Referring to Captain Ramsay's history Justice Atkinson said he had an honourable record for 20 years. "Captain Ramsay puts himself forward as a loyal patriotic subject of this country. The truth of that is one of the matters I have to examine. I accept his evidence that for some years he regarded the Jewish race as the real

menace to Christian people; that he believes Jewry was a vast secret organisation wielding great power, controlling gold fields and diamond mines of the world, and had worked for centuries for revolution and war in the destruction of Christianity.

"He believes in pursuance of these aims that Jews brought about the Russian revolution and were working for the destruction of Germany to give them the same opportunity they had in Russia. To that end they were helping Britain to-day not because they had any love for Britain but because they thought a victorious though exhausted Britain might give them opportunity in the meantime.

Working For Peace

"I don't believe he holds those views. He says he was working for peace by negotiation and he believed that gentle elements would have negotiated peace while Jewish elements were working for war. I refuse to believe that even Captain Ramsay believes the vast majority in this country who are proud to be Gentile would at any time have negotiated peace.

"Captain Ramsay also stated his belief that the war was a Jewish 'ramp'—war run by Jews for Jews in the interest of Jews. I don't believe any man outside a lunatic asylum could persuade himself of that. I accept also that Captain Ramsay did genuinely fear a German defeat because he thought the defeat of Germany would remove a great anti-Bolshevik barrier and he much preferred a negotiated peace to a British victory."—Reuter.

NEW SECRETARY FOR PREMIER

Mr. J. M. Martin has been appointed principal private secretary to the Prime Minister in succession to Mr. Eric Seal, who has been released for special duties under the Admiralty.

Before joining the Prime Minister's secretariat Mr. Martin was secretary to the Royal Commission on Palestine under the chairmanship of Lord Peel. He is a native of Edinburgh. His father was a minister of the Scottish Church.

CHIEF OF CLAN DEAD IN RAID

IT IS FEARED THAT MRS. MYRTLE FARQUHARSON CHIEF OF THE FARQUHARSON CLAN, LOST HER LIFE IN A RECENT RAID ON LONDON.

Mrs. Farquharson, whose home was at Invercauld House, near Balmoral, was married formerly to the late Mr. Robin d'Erlanger.

On assuming chieftainship of the clan on the death of her father, she reverted to her family name. She was a close friend of the Royal family and had for many years been a popular member of society.

It is understood that Mrs. Farquharson was staying with a friend when a heavy bomb hit the next house. She and her friend, an invalid, were in the same room when the house collapsed.

Her friend and two servants were extricated after rescue squads had been at work for 14 hours. It has not, however, been possible to recover the body of Mrs. Farquharson and that of another servant.

FIRE CURTAIN DEVICE TO DEFEND SHIPS

WHEN RECENTLY I went to sea in one of the Navy's ships I learned about a device which was part of the deck armament, writes a London reporter. I can now say that this weapon has been fitted to various types of convoy escort and patrol vessels to combat low-flying aircraft.

It projects small-type bombs into the air in the path of oncoming planes, and because of the speed with which it can be fired, can erect a "curtain" a bomber would find it extremely difficult to penetrate.

It is not claimed that in this device is the complete answer to the dive-bomber, but this weapon acts as a sharp deterrent to Nazi pilots. It literally clips their wings in their hit-and-run attacks on seamen out of the blue.

Gives Confidence

Crews of ships equipped with this device, I gathered, have remarkable confidence in its effectiveness. That alone is a very important factor, as dive-bombing attacks, the nightmare of seamen, are calculated to have a big influence on the morale of these men. Give them something, apart from their usual armament, with which to hit back, and they'll more readily face such attacks.

Tried In Action

I am divulging nothing to the enemy when I relate that recently one of our patrol vessels, equipped with the projector, tried it out during an action against German E-boats in the North Sea. And that action, as one captain told me, "was much more successful from our point of view than the enemy's."

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TRUTH WILL OUT

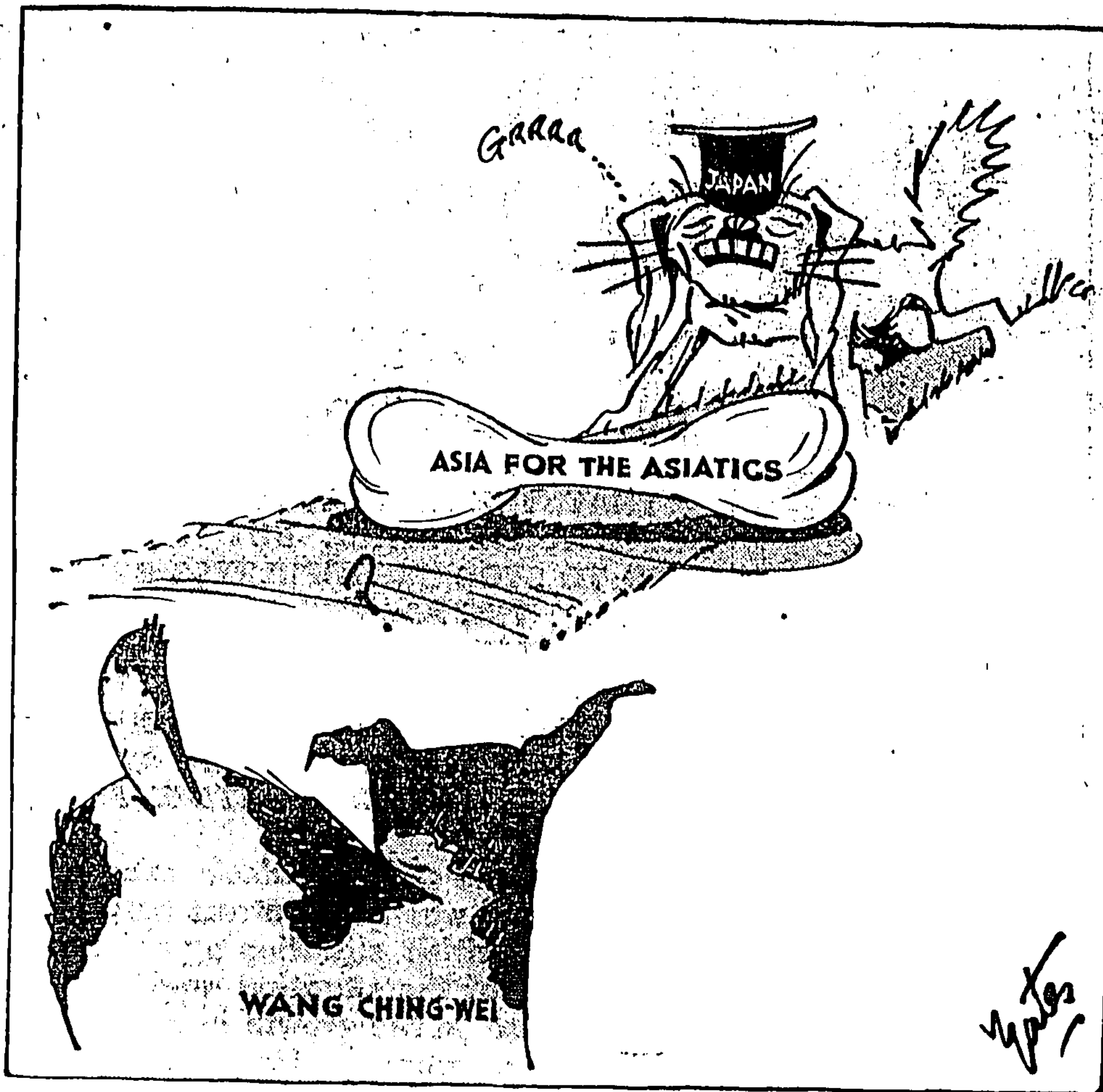
Hitler's third attempt to break Russia is reported to be about to begin or is even now under way. Germany tacitly admitted that a further and "overpowering" onslaught was about to be launched, but the fact that this is the third distinct attempt to subdue the Soviets has been slurred over by Berlin and made to appear as merely strengthening of the original advance. It is patent, however, that with winter already within measurable distance Hitler must make his final effort now.

Dr. Rauschning, the former leader of the Danzig Senate and a close friend of Hitler's until they quarrelled, declared recently that "unless Hitler secures a complete and decisive victory within a few weeks you can reckon on the collapse of the Nazi regime before the year is out." While the erstwhile Nazi leader's prophecy smacks somewhat strongly of wishful thinking, his opinion must necessarily carry weight. His ground for optimism was based to a large extent on the fact that "attacking China or Russia is like punching a cushion. Your fist disappears in the cushion." Undoubtedly Germany's fist has disappeared twice in the Russian cushion with tremendous loss and though the outcome of the third attempt cannot be anticipated, it is clear that the German authorities are beginning to realise that the Russian soldier possesses qualities of fighting against which Germany's military tactics have up to the present proved unavailing.

Dr. Goebbels' instructions to his radio commentators betray the fact that Germany's "victorious march" into Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev did not materialise as he had pictured in the earlier days of the campaign. He is now forced to temper his song of triumph to something less definite. He is obliged, therefore, to distract the attention of his listeners by enlarging on side issues and instructs his radio commentators to western Europe to concentrate upon Russia's internal difficulties rather than dwell on German achievements. For his Asiatic listeners he still builds up a picture of German might by describing in vivid language Russia's military and civil flight before the German armies. Russia's internal difficulties—probably manufactured or enhanced for the occasion—are again stressed. The failure of the German attacks are thus slurred over while the commentator endeavours to portray a Russia, chaotic internally and chaotic near the fighting areas.

German propagandists are carefully selected and trained for their jobs. Their duty is not to tell the facts, but to adhere closely to the lines laid down for them by Dr. Goebbels' propaganda bureau in Berlin. That actual facts are glossed over, ignored or twisted as circumstances demand, is accepted as the correct procedure, so that the only difficulty encountered is in making each announcement reassuring to the German people and plausible to those whom Germany wants to impress.

The camouflaging of the Russian campaign into a triumphant entry into Russia proper has, however, presented "difficulties" from the start. These men are not concerned with the veracity of their statements, but they have so long and so completely overdrawn their "victories" that even the German people themselves, inured as they are to extravagant phraseology, must be losing confidence in what Dr. Goebbels pours forth daily. As for the outside world and those waiting for deliverance from German oppression the comforting fact is again dawning that truth though temporarily obscured, cannot be forever hid. Germany, deny it as she will, has failed and ignominiously failed in her first two attempts to conquer Russia.



THE ONE-DOG BONE

Safest Job In The War

No names, no routes, no airports and no times may be mentioned when one writes of the growing business of ferrying American-built planes across the Atlantic to England. This was made very plain by the slight young man in a blue serge suit who directs operations.

This young man has flown the Atlantic more times than he can remember. He had become, indeed, an Atlantic specialist long before the war began, wise in his judgments, knowledgeable in all branches of the craft. But he let the ferry pilots speak for themselves.

These pilots regard their job as a straight-line air operation. When one spoke of the risks of their job they became explosive. "Don't put that in your paper," they demanded, "for it just is not true. This is the safest job in the whole war. If you want to write about risks, we can tell you about the trip back we had in a freighted in convoy. Two ships were sunk fore and aft of us and a torpedo went past our bows. The shipper had been sunk three times already and perhaps that was what saved us. He thought he was immune. We have never seen an enemy plane or had a moment of danger except when we were in a Blitz in England or on the way back by boat."

The real job, they say, is done by the weather experts who supply them with a twenty-four-hour forecast at which they never cease to marvel. "My navigator was pretty new on his job," one of them said, "so I flew by the weather chart and was less than three miles off my course when I hit the other side. These weather men are marvels."

It is the pilot, however, who decides for himself and his crew whether and when to fly after he gets his weather report. He gets no orders. He must judge for himself in the same manner as any ship's captain.

But contrast the freedom of the airman compared with that of the ship's captain. There in front of him lies an area of bad weather—head winds and clouds with thunder and lightning. It is that kind of thing that makes sailors' language what it is. But the airman does not need to go through it. "Round or over?" he asks himself and takes a look at the fuel gauge. Now, when it is important to arrive in England with as much fuel as possible, the decision is usually "over" up into

a favourable wind stream. Height is of no account, although at fourteen thousand feet and over a mixture of oxygen is essential; otherwise come "black-outs" and "a lovely dreamy feeling," some of them call it, "like the unreality of that extra five minutes after the morning call."

There is another reason to fly high. Up there the stars, for a peep at which the seaman often has to wait night after night, are unshrouded. The high air is cold and clear, but the heating system in the planes is so good that although it may be 50 below zero outside, only an extra pull-over is needed to make one comfortable in the ship.

Except for the one case in which a ferry pilot was compelled to turn back and make a forced landing in the Newfoundland

By
P. J. Philip

bush there has never been a single accident on the crossing. The service goes as regularly as any town-to-town passenger service and has almost become routine. "Three years ago ten thousand people would have turned out to see us arrive," said one with a grimace, "and now in England everybody is so used to our turning up to the exact minute that there is never any one to greet us except the landing port official—not even a man to carry your bag, everybody is so busy."

When the service began the responsible authorities thought it only right to ask for insurance rates on the pilots and crews. With grave concern the insurance companies figured out some astronomical risk charts, which were too high for anybody to do business. Now the insurance companies can find no takers at any price.

"If you follow regulations, nothing can go wrong," these pilots boast; but nothing is left to chance. Every plane that leaves must carry complete equipment down to a rubber dinghy, emergency rations and a five-gallon water reserve. After they are flown to the Canadian delivery point they are checked and rechecked by their assigned crews.

The flight to Newfoundland is considered as a final warming-up check.

In Newfoundland a full load of fuel is taken aboard. That load gives a margin sufficient for at least another thousand miles beyond the distance from land to land and the aim of every pilot is to arrive in England with enough fuel to permit this American-built and delivered plane to go straight into action, if need be over Berlin, with fuel brought from America.

The rules say that flight times must not be mentioned, but the pilots describe their flights as either one-sandwich or two-sandwich affairs. That gives a sufficient indication. It has been published that return planes—American-built ships used for ferrying back pilots and occasional special passengers who are quite content to sit on the floor—Prince Bernhard of Holland was one recently—make the trip from England to a terminus in Canada in fourteen hours. By the clock such a flight takes only eight hours, but because of time zone differences the actual flying time is six hours more.

These ferry pilots are not the youths who go into battle with Spitfires and Hurricanes. They are of the last war and the in-between-war generations. A few gray hairs are an asset rather than a disadvantage. The Americans are among the youngest, and even the youngest of them had many hours experience before they joined this elite corps of captains. They do not need to take any oath of allegiance. Most of the corps are "detached officers" from various armies. In the relatively short time since the service was organised their number has been so quickly built up that the complaint now is that trips come too infrequently. But they say the pay is "fine."

Some of the pilots did "ferry service" in England, delivering planes from factories to military fields, before they joined the Atlantic service. These men are always the most impatient when they are held up waiting for a plane to ferry across.

Like so many men who do amazing things efficiently, they are wisful men. All their stories are of others—of the sea captains and crews who plough the seas below them "in so much greater danger," and of the people in England.

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WAR IN STAGE OF TRANSITION: PERIL OF COMPLACENCY

THAT THE WAR AT PRESENT IS IN A TRANSITIONAL STAGE BUT THAT IT IS HARD TO STOP CHEERFULNESS BREAKING IN... THE POSSIBILITY OF INVASION STILL REMAINS, BUT THE OUTLOOK IS BETTER, IS THE VIEW TAKEN BY THE BRITISH PRESS GENERALLY IN LEADING ARTICLES COMMENTING ON THE COMMONS STATEMENTS BY MR. ATTLEE AND MR. EDEN.

One feature of Mr. Attlee's speech, says "The Times," was the contrast between the peril of the British situation a year ago and the promise of the situation to-day, significant point being the growth in material and moral support from the United States, to all who are fighting for freedom.

"But," says "The Times," "there must be no change in the balance of public opinion about the war."

"The idea that the first substantial check to the German armies necessarily heralds the early collapse of those armies and of the Nazi regime, may be proof of our admirable resilience under past disappointments but it otherwise is rather disquieting."

"For it would be extremely foolish to think that a machine so forged, so furnished and so fed for so many years by a fierce philosophy will be easily broken, and it would be still more foolish to act upon such a thought."

Change in Balance

Referring to Mr. Eden's warning to Japan to keep her hands off Thailand and the request to the Iran Government to deal firmly with Axis tourists, "The Times" adds that these facts and this language fully justified Mr. Lees-Smith's Commons conclusion that there has been "a change in the balance of the war."

The "Daily Telegraph," while agreeing with Mr. Attlee that "we have a right now to be cheerful," provided we maintain all the force of our efforts, says poetically:

"STILL, THE THUNDERING LINE OF BATTLE STANDS AND IN THE AIR DEATH MOANS AND RINGS."

"We have still to fight for all we have and are, and the day may come when the Fuehrer will cast the dice in a desperate throw for invasion of our island."

Rending Strain

Commenting that "our own greatest endeavours are required to make the war on two fronts, which Nazism has challenged, a rending strain for the Reich, the "Daily Telegraph" says there is no desire for spectacular adventures but the promise of every practical measure to aid "our Russian ally" will be heartily approved.

Remarking that Parliament rises in a better atmosphere than has been felt for some time, the "Daily Mail" says Mr. Eden and Mr. Attlee wisely stressed the grave dangers and difficulties "which still confront us."

Commenting on Mr. Eden's speech about the Far East, the "Daily Mail" says: "Japan should understand now that when Britain is outspoken she means what she says."

Reign Of Terror

It continues: "There is a growing realisation in the occupied territories that the German reign of almost unopposed terror is finished... now is the time when we should be striving to arouse and stimulate the rising opposition to the Germans and to depress the Germans themselves" air attack.

Stating that the war is at present in a transitional stage the "Yorkshire Post" says: "Germany will come out of this stage either very much weaker or much stronger."

Russia's Exertions

Asserting also that "while hoping most earnestly and anxiously for the best we must prepare for the worst," the "Yorkshire Post" adds that to win the war "we have to make ourselves not only impregnable in defence but armed and equipped — as we are by no means yet fully equipped — for a massive and decisive attack."

That the enemy is not yet weakening and retains immense strength is the view of the "Manchester Guardian," which says: "Cheerfulness may break in now but it is Russia's exertions that caused it. Our great offensive effort is still to come." — Reuter.

GAVE LIFE FOR AMY JOHNSON

LT.-CMDR. W. E. FLETCHER, R.N., H.M.S. HASLEMERE, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE MISS AMY JOHNSON, THE AIRWOMAN, IN JANUARY, HAS BEEN POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE ALBERT MEDAL.

The "London Gazette," announcing this stated that Lt.-Cmdr. Fletcher took his ship to the rescue of Miss Johnson, who was pilot of a plane which had fallen into the Thames Estuary. In spite of bitter cold and heavy seas he dived in fully clothed. Other awards include:

O.B.E. (Military): Lt.-Cmdr. J. J. Youngs, R.N.R., H. M. S. Speedwell.

M.B.E. (Military): Lt. V. B. G. Cheesman, R.M.; Mr. H. C. Hillind, boatswain, R.N.

British Empire Medal (Military): Able Seamen J. S. Lee and E. A. Newman, H.M.S. Speedwell; Temp. Actg. Ldg. Airman M. W. Dale; Actg. Petty Officer M. Payton, Seaman G. Parkhill.

The following awards to officers and crew of H.M.S. Wolverine for enterprise and skill in a successful action against an enemy submarine:

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The D.S.M. has been awarded to Ord. Seaman M. B. West, for bravery and enterprise during an air attack.

Winter Weather High Up

Winter weather over the North Sea on Wednesday night made a rough passage for crews on the way to continue the Bomber Command's offensive against cities on the Upper Rhine, states the Air Ministry news service.

There were storms of snow and deep banks of cloud all the way to Germany. Ice was a constant danger. The crews could hear it crackling on the aircraft, threatening to jam the controls and make the engines fail.

Summer contributed nothing to the weather but thunderstorms. Lightning played round the bomber and sometimes struck.

But it was worth getting through the storms for the sake of clear intervals over the Rhine-land and the damage that could be done when at last they were found.

There were still defences to face, the anti-aircraft barrage and many night fighters, but the crews pressed home the attack in spite of them and the weather.

There were many combats with enemy fighters.

A Junkers 88 was shot down in flames and a Messerschmitt 110 driven off and believed to be damaged.

On the whole the weather was better over Karlsruhe than Mannheim and Frankfurt. The moon was bright everywhere and the air clear when the clouds thinned and parted.

In all three towns there were many fires after the attack.—British Wireless.

SCARED—LET BOY DROWN

A man who has been afraid of water all his life said that that fear prevented him from saving a drowning boy.

It was stated at an inquest at Manchester on the boy, Derek Bellis (6), of Weber Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, that the boy entered the River Irk to get a floating stick and was carried away by the current.

Israel Kersh, of Paget Street, Collyhurst, said he heard children shouting and saw the child's head above the water. He did not know what to do.

Kept Quiet About It

"I have always been scared of water," he said, "and for that reason would never go to the baths. At the time I was on my way to register for military service."

"I left the river, went to register and then went home. I did not tell my wife or anyone else about what had happened until a policeman came."

The coroner said it was a pity Kersh had not attempted to save the child.

"He has been very frank with me and has spoken of his terror of water," he went on, "but in the circumstances he might have entered the water as much as he disliked it, or at least have informed someone of the boy's peril." Verdict: "Accidental death."

CRAIGENGOWER IN PRECARIOUS POSITION UNTIL THE RAIN CAME

By "Skip"

LAWN BOWLERS WERE ABLE TO BENEFIT LAST SATURDAY BY THE INCREASED DAYLIGHT WE NOW ENJOY, AS A HEAVY STORM CAUSED A DELAY OF SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH THE RESULT THAT SEVERAL GAMES DID NOT FINISH UNTIL 7.30 OR SO.

Admittedly it was just possible on rare occasions to play to that time under the old conditions, but the uncertainty of a finish would have been too great and all games, instead of only two, would have been abandoned.

THE game between Club de Recreio "B" and Craigengower at King's Park very nearly ended in a sensational win for the Portuguese team, and there is some justification for the thought that the rain saved the Valley team, who adapted themselves more readily to the sudden green.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" made a very poor showing against the Portuguese "A" team on the adjoining rinks, only Hall's rink winning.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" managed to vacate the bottom place in the League in favour of Civil Servants, their victims, whilst Kowloon Cricket Club rather surprisingly defeated Police at Cox's Road and Kowloon Dock just got the better of Indians.

Police's Third Division Challenge

IN Second Division Talkoo had a narrow lead on Club de Recreio when play stopped play, Corney Pereira having a useful lead on Jimmy Chalmers, with his brother down by the same margin to Willie Melrose.

Hong Kong Cricket Club could make no impression on Hong Kong Football Club at the Valley, and Kowloon Football Club justified my forecast that they would be in the money by securing a sweep-winning margin over Kowloon Cricket Club. But the best result in this division was achieved by Kowloon Tong, who journeyed to Stanley peninsula and came back with the majority of the points, J. L. Stephens and W. J. Bagley featuring in records, the former a favourable one.

In the junior section Kowloon Bowling Green Club made their position at the head of the table a little more secure by a 4/1 win against Club de Recreio: I say a little more secure as they are by no means safe, with Police as their real danger. Hong Kong Electric, with a weak team out, did remarkably well to lose by only 9 to Craigengower, who looked very strong on paper, especially their skips.

Vas Fully Extends Razack

I HAVE indicated the closeness of the scores when the rain caused that delay in the game at King's Park. I will be quite honest and admit that I do not know exactly when the break came, but it would be about the 15th head, I surmise, by my own experience not very far away. At that stage Omar was three up, Rossetti was the same and Bradbury a couple to the bad. After the rain John Basto actually took the lead against Omar, but could not hold it, meanwhile Charlie Rossetti was virtually blanking Tony Gutierrez and Bradbury had the better of Eddie Sousa by four shots. Razack was again in good form for Rossetti, but Charlie Vas gave him a good run for his money. Joe Landolt was too strong for Dr. Rodrigues, which left the Portuguese skip with rather more than he could handle.

Carlos Alves was right on his game as lead against A. M. Omar and had an edge on him, but "K. M." made up the lead. The thirds, Henry Basto and Dick Basa, were not good, but both skips played well, John Basto frequently in an adverse position, saving a number. Eddie Sousa and B. W. Bradbury had a weighty and lengthy duel which finished well after

8 o'clock. The scores were very close until the visiting skip, four down at the 16th, scored 11 in four heads to win by 4. Sousa securing a good count of 3 at the last head.

K.B.G.C. Out-Bowled By Champions

ON the other half of the green, the Austin Road team were putting up a very poor show against the home-owners, whom they narrowly beat in the first encounter. Dick Alves had a big win against Adam Holland, who can rarely have played so badly. True, his front men were giving him inadequate support, but that gave him further opportunity to shine. Neither he nor Alec Hyde-Lay did. Spuggy Silva was again in fine form as Dick's lead and beat Willie Walker. The home team began with a nap hand and another at the eighth gave them a lead of 20-3, which they sustained.

Change the names, and you have the same story about the Duncan v Ribeiro game. In fact, the Portuguese led by the identical score at one stage. McKelvie saved some shots but the rest of the rink were quite out-bowled. Charlie Roza-Pereira shone in the home four, just as Bert White did in Alf Hall's team against Raoul Luz. In fact it was Hall and White who carried the day for the K.B.G.C. rink. F. X. Soares easily beat W. McNeill, whilst Leo Silva was not up to his old standard at second man. "Chico" Ribeiro out-bowled George Sherriff, who seems to have lost confidence since his return to the game.

Willie Cameron Plays Marvellous Game

IN the absence of Mair, Ted Post took over a rink again, but he lost pretty badly to Teddy Fincher at Cox's Road. His lead, Charlie Gough, was useful and held Arthur Perry, but Reggie Broadbridge, though perhaps not quite so consistent, was more brilliant than Chris Pile. W. Mulcahy was patchy, but Teddy Fincher was good throughout the game.

It was anybody's game when Tommy Madar met Jim Shepherd, but the former had the best of a very low-scoring game by a brace of shots, chalking up 3 in the last couple of ends.

Norman Bebbington's four only just managed to tie with John Fender, some brilliant work in the last few heads doing the trick.

At the 20th head, for instance, the visitors lay the shot—possibly 3—when "Bebb" went down to play. The kitty was visible through a narrow port, but it needed only a pound-on shot to achieve his result. With his first wood he moved the jack, which rebounded off one of his own woods to leave the Police four with the shot, his wood running on. But with his second one he made the same narrow port and carried the objective back to his own wood and another of the side's to score three. The two shots were perfect.

Fender might have saved half a point if he had gone for it, but he did not put his whole heart into either of his woods.

Willie Cameron, back to the fold, played a marvellous game—there is no other word for it—as lead to Post.



E. G. Post, Police skip, about to send down a wood with his opposite, Teddy Fincher, of K.C.C., looking on. K.C.C. won by 4½ points to ½, and Fincher beat Post 24-11.

STEPHENS' RINK STRIKE BEST FORM TO WIN 36-4

By "Skip"

Up on two rinks—some consolation—Prison Officers no doubt felt themselves a trifle unlucky to lose to Kowloon Tong, but when one considers the overwhelming defeat which Walter Bagley's rink sustained at the hands of the rink skipped by J. L. Stephens, the neutral observer must admit that they deserved to lose.

Thirty-six to four—all singles—tells its own tale, a tale of high class bowling against a rink which was not only having no loss but not bowling well enough to deserve any.

Norman Mackay, T. K. Lim and Jimmy Wong gave Stephens all the help he needed.

J. McCutcheon after a couple of losses to Costello came back to winning form against Jimmy Kew, one of the leading skips in this division.

Alfred Spary had a lead of half a dozen on Gowland but, aided and abetted by his front men, of whom

both woods being "stutters" nearly every head.

Ebbage And Sykes In Even Struggle

IN the game at Austin Road Arthur Rakusen was the only successful Civil Service skip. P. A. Peckham being his victim. Neither the leads nor second men excelled, and the game developed into a battle amongst the second half of the rink. Here Vic Ebbage and Len Sykes had a great struggle with honours even. The latter was frequently able to add a shot, his opponent having to save. He did this with regularity, whilst Rakusen, having to play a similar game on account of Peckham's ability to draw, was nearly always there when required. He drew a couple right on the jack at the very last head when the home team had had visions of the count of six which they needed to tie.

Percy Holloway played a good game as lead to Lockhart, who played well himself to beat Harry Strange, quite the best man on his side. Burling having a poor day. "Brun" Simmonds, despite all reports to the contrary, turned out as lead in McGowan's rink, but he met his master in Bicknell, who was very consistent throughout.

Jack Deakin began very well for the visitors but went off his game just when Elliot Purvis, third man, came along. But the combination was not strong enough for Meyer's four, apart from the kind way the woods ran for the latter—and also the benevolent way in which McGowan presented shots to his opponent. Atkins was steady, whilst Gill and Meyer both played well.

Cullen's Judgment Was Right

THE finish at Hung Hom was very exciting as the Indians needed four to tie at the last head, which Cullen was contesting against Minu. They made an epic attempt to save a point at least and were counting three—and a measure—for four for a tie—when Cullen had his last wood to play.

He went down to the head and scanned it and, deciding that the Docks had it, went back to the mat and threw his wood away. It was a near thing, but his judgment was right and the Dock team thereby got four of the five points to play.

Cullen's rink went down badly to Minu, whose men were all in good form, especially the lead and skip.

Young Bob Lapsley was once more in fine form as lead to Ferguson and he may be said to have laid the foundation for the latter's 9-shot victory over Abbas, though Tommy Coleman also played well—with a touchy customer in A. M. Rumball to counter.

Alec Calman's four played a steady drawing game against Dallas and had their reward. Charlie Thom was bold, but Joff Hoonen, but A. K. Jamall had little opposition from Colin Logan, Calman built his heads well to obviate the risk of any big counts as a result of Dallas's pile-drivers.

ELECTRIC DESERVE PRAISE

By "Skip"

HONG KONG ELECTRIC HAD TO FIELD SEVERAL NEW MEN IN ORDER TO MAKE UP A TEAM, AND THEY ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR BEING ABLE TO DO SO—THEIR BOWLS CONVENOR MUST HAVE A THANKLESS JOB.

Dan Gardner, after a losing debut but the previous Saturday, won his first match, beating Coelho quite comfortably. Thanks to a count of 6 on the second head, he was never in any trouble. Willie Macfarlane, a chip of the old block, showed promising form in his first game as three.

Reg Butler was only a singleton down to such a useful skip as Medina, but Jim Lunny could do little against Dr. Karanjia after the ninth head, after which he scored only a single shot, though he kept the Medico's score down to reasonable proportions.

Rain Proves Help To Winners

KOWLOON Bowling Green Club had some pretty anxious times against Club de Recreio, but here again the rain helped the winners, Jordan, for instance, scoring a couple of nap hands just after the resumption. He played very well throughout, one really spectacular shot carrying the jack from three of the enemy's wood to score four. Sid Walker was his best player and he had to steam some to undo the excellent leading work of F. P. Sequeira.

Hughie Nish beat Yvanovich by 9, but here again it was the last 4 heads which made nearly all the difference.

"Ala" Alarcon began badly against Wallis, but he stuck to his task well and was rewarded by a three shots win.

Dramatic Win By Ogden

AT Sookunpoo Bob Ogden had a dramatic nap hand at the last head to beat Wahab by a singleton after being down by no less than 20-4 as late as the 14th head.

This must be one of the most sensational recoveries on record and included another 5 as well as a count of 4.

A. G. Sufliad won his second game in succession and was good value for it against such an old bowler as Dowman, former Police and Kowloon Football Club first team player, but S. M. Rumball and Tommy Ferguson had a long, long battle before the former emerged victorious.

bowlers than cricketers are! Younghusband was all over Bob Meadows, every one of his men finding form. Tony Lapsley, like his brother, played a truly remarkable game for one so young.

Bill Field had the next best result, being 20 up on Jimmy Jack who, although he played a few good shots, never had a chance.

Polly Jack did well to hold Ernie Kern for half the game, but the home team gradually wore down the opposition to win by about half-a-dozen shots.

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H. A. Alves, 100 per cent. Recreio "A" skip, sends down a head. Alves used to play a good game of cricket but has not taken part in this form of sport for some time now. He was also, at one time, keenly interested in racing.

LEAGUE BOWLS CHANGES FOR TO-MORROW'S GAMES

BASEBALL FIXTURES CANCELLED

In view of the fact that the Asheville-Tulsa team have played only two games so far in the Baseball League, which must be concluded this month, all their unplayed matches will be cancelled.

TO-DAY'S PAIRS GAMES

Following is to-day's programme in the Third Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship:

AT RECREIO
L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro v. C. E. Marques and J. E. Noronha.
T. Coleman and P. Younghusband v. A. J. Kow and Y. S. Tang.

AT KOWLOON F.C.
J. Williamson and C. S. M. Thom v. G. Willerton and G. Davies.
E. Levett and H. Spang v. A. B. Coleman and W. Gill.

AT KOWLOON B.G.C.
J. M. Jack and A. E. Perry v. W. B. Harris and A. Soutar.

AT CRAIGENGOWER
S. Eccleshall and J. Shepherd v. G. E. F. Thompson and E. V. Searle.
W. Burling and M. N. Rakusen v. N. J. Bebbington and J. F. MacGowan.

AT CIVIL SERVICE
S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar v. W. McLeod and W. S. Dull.

The Second Round match between Steven and Selby and Willerton and Davies was not played, the former pair conceding a walk-over as Steven is not quite fit at the moment.

BASKETBALL FIXTURES

Following is to-night's basketball programme at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.:

Trojans v. Residents' Union (7.30 p.m.)
Chinese "Y" v. Youth (8.30 p.m.)

Dr. V. N. Atienza, Kowloon Football Club lawn bowler, is leaving soon on a short vacation.

The 2nd Leg of the Shanghai yachting Challenge Cup (for small yachts), was sailed for last Sunday under ideal conditions, with a steady easterly breeze, and was won in a close finish by K. F. Piper in "Sun Lee", who completed the course in just under 1½ hours, a few seconds ahead of "Dorothy", all other yachts finishing within 5 minutes of these two.

Members of Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association held their annual swimming gala at Victoria Recreation Club pool yesterday, when Central Boys' Club emerged champions, followed closely by Y.M.C.A. Club and Sai Ying Pun Club. After community singing in the main hall, Mrs. F. B. Mühlnick presented the prizes.

CRAIGENGOWER CHANGE SKIPS IN SECOND DIVISION

By "Skip"

WHILE CRAIGENGOWER ARE MAKING NO CHANGES IN THEIR FIRST DIVISION TEAM FOR TO-MORROW, A GREAT MANY HAVE BEEN EFFECTED IN THE SECOND DIVISION TEAM FROM THAT WHICH LOST TO K.F.C. ON JULY 26 (THEY WERE RESTING LAST WEEK).

Karanjia, Way and Randall, skips on July 26, will not be figuring in those positions this week. Karanjia returns to Third Division, Way will not be playing and Randall takes over one of the No. 3 positions.

This week's rinks, as compared with those that played on July 26, given in brackets, are as follows:

Li Shu-wing, Xavier, Randall and Medina (Leonard, Lam, Zimarni, Karanjia); **Broadbridge, Pavri, Lammert and Ward** (Broadbridge, Pavri, Baptista, Way); **Solima, Curd, Baptista and Franks** (Solima, Lammert, Ladd, Randall).

In Third Division, Rosario, who was No. 3 to Medina last week, will have a rink comprising Leonard, Pavri and Ladd, the last-named being the only newcomer to this quartette. Two changes in the middle positions, are noted in Coelho's four, Modi and N. Leonard coming in as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in the places of Alves and Franks.

Karanjia's rink is the same, excepting that Alves will be No. 2 in place of Modi.

K.B.G.C. Changes

KOWLOON Bowling Green Club are making only two changes in their three teams for this week. In their First Division "A" team Guy plays No. 3 to Hall instead of Sherriff, while in the First Division "B" team Turpin will be lead to Peckham in place of Hudder. No changes have been made in the Third Division team.

Hyde At No. 3

KOWLOON Football Club are making only one change in their Second Division team from that which beat Kowloon Cricket Club last week, this being in Younghusband's rink, Hyde coming in as No. 3 in place of Atienza. In Third Division, however, a number of changes are noted. Ogden retains the same four, but Downman, who led Thomson, Williams and Mozger last week, will have a new rink in Frost, Williams and Abbas, Ferguson, who led Thomson, Abbas and Fuller last Saturday, is not playing this week. The third rink will comprise Dobson, A. Thomson, Gibson and Fuller.

INDIAN Recreation Club are using two of their Third Division players for their senior game against Civil Service, on the latter's green, as they are resting in Third Division and the changes, therefore, will not affect the latter.

Abbas' rink will be the same as that for last week, and the same applies to Minu's four, but Dallah will have S. M. Rumjahn, Third Division skip, and U. A. Ramjahn, usually No. 3 in one of the Third Division rinks, as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in the places of A. K. Ismail and A. Bakar.

Deakin Skipping

CIVIL Service Cricket Club are making a few changes.

McKay takes the place of Harper as lead to Rakusen, while Crawley, lead to Strange last week, goes to Deakin's rink as No. 2. It is to be noted that Deakin was No. 2 to McGowan last week, but has taken over the four this time, McGowan going as No. 3 to Strange vice Burling. Crawley's place in this rink will be taken by Gellatly.

No. 3's Switched

KOWLOON Tong are making a few changes in their Second Division team for their match against Hong Kong Football C.C. the only rink remaining intact being Stephens' four.

In Kew's rink H. A. Castro comes in as lead in place of Tang, who goes to Spary's four as No. 2 in place of Phoon, while Howard and A. E. Castro, No. 3's for Kew and Spary respectively last week, switch places.

FOR their match against H.K.C.C. Taikoo are making only one change in the team which represented them last week, when their game with Recreation had to be abandoned because of rain. Cunningham will be lead to Chalmers instead of Nimmo.

Following are the selected teams:

CRAIGENGOWER
First Division (v Kowloon B.G.C. "A", home):—J. W. Leonard, L. C. N. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (skip); A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (skip); A. A. Razaek, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosselet (skip).

Second Division (v Kowloon C.C., home):—Li Shu-wing, J. H. Xavier, H. W. Randall and M. J. Medina (skip); S. R. Solima, W. J. Curd, M. A. Baptista and E. S. Franks (skip); W. E. Broadbridge, J. K. Pavri, L. E. Lammert and W. Ward (skip).

Third Division (v Hong Kong C.C., away):—S. Leonard, R. K. Pavri, G. S. Ladd and D. A. Rozario (skip); F. A. Delgado, A. E. S. Alves, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (skip); L. M. Roza, F. K. Modi, N. Leonard and A. J. Coelho (skip).

KOWLOON F.C.
Second Division (v Club de Recreio, away):—B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden and W. V. Field (skip); A. Lapsley, W. C. Ogley, W. Hyde and P. Younghusband (skip); W. Naef, A. E. Eastman, W. C. Simpson and E. Kern (skip).

Third Division (v Club de Recreio, home):—G. E. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. Macintyre and R. M. Ogden (skip); G. Frost, B. Williams, Y. Abbas and C. Downman (skip); J. Dobson, A. Thomson, J. Gibson and C. H. Fuller (skip).

KOWLOON B.G.C.
First Division "A" (v Craigengower C.C., away):—W. L. Walker, G. W. Deacon, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip); W. McNeill, H. White, L. Guy and A. J. Hall (skip); R. P. Phillips, E. Levett, J. McKelvie and R. Duncan (skip).

First Division "B" (v Club de Recreio "A", away):—C. E. Turpin, V. C. Dixon, D. Sykes and P. Peckham (skip); H. Hicknell, E. A. Atkins, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (skip); P. Holloway, G. W. Elphick, H. E. Drew and H. L. Lockhart (skip).

Third Division (v Electric R.C., home):—J. A. Fraser, A. J. Rogers, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (skip); W. M. Wilson, J. S. Dinnon, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip); J. Hurst, S. C. Walker, C. E. Langley and L. A. Jordan (skip).

INDIAN R.C.
First Division (v Civil Service C.C., away):—A. K. Sumad, M. B. Hassan, A. M. Rumjahn and M. B. Abbas (skip); J. Hoosen, S. M. Rumjahn, U. A. Rumjahn and A. R. Dallah (skip); D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu (skip).

CIVIL SERVICE
First Division (v Indian R.C., home):—J. Gellatly, W. H. E. Colledge, J. F. McGowan and H. E. Strange (skip); L. McKay, M. Scott, V. S. Ephraim and

NEW ROYALS' FORWARD

Royal Scots, who have lost two of last season's Rugby players in Captains Douglas and Duke, will probably be fielding a number of newcomers this season, and the inclusion of Capt. W. R. T. Rose, one of the new arrivals, is expected to add punch to their pack.

Capt. Rose, who has signified his intention of turning out regularly this season, is described as a clever and experienced product of Fettes College.

TARLETON RAISES ISSUE

The colour ban which prevents certain boxers from competing for British titles, though allowed to contest in Empire Championships—Tommy Martin in the heavy-weight division is at present appealing for the raising of the ban—comes to mind with the statement of Neil Tarleton, holder of the British and Empire feather-weight championships. He says that the ban should be lifted, and if the Board of Control do so, he is prepared to stake his titles against Kid Tanner, British Gulana champion, who has resided in England for the past three years.—Reuter.

UPSET IN COLONY BOWLS TIE

K. O. HAMILTON AND A. M. HOLLAND CAUSED AN UPSET YESTERDAY WHEN THEY DEFEATED A. E. COATES AND B. W. BRADBURY 20-15 IN THE THIRD ROUND OF THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP AT KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB.

It was a good game with all four players doing well on occasion, but the consistency of the Kowloon pair won the day for them.

Some big scores were returned, the highest total of the day being claimed by the Omar brothers, who scored at 18 ends to total 38 against C. Gowan and J. McCutcheon, who scored only 3, at Police R.C.

The match between A. E. P. Guest and T. A. Madar (K.C.C.) and A. Eastman and W. C. Simpson (K.F.C.) was postponed owing to Volunteer duties.

K.B.G.C. Pair Through

At Kowloon Football Club K. C. Hamilton and A. M. Holland beat A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury 20-15 after scoring at 10 ends.

Three singles in a row gave the winners a slight lead at the 3rd end, and then another 1 0 2 0 4 saw them 10-3 up at the 9th. Bradbury and his partner then scored 3 1 0 2, only to see the other side replying with a 4. Nothing daunted, however, the Craigengower pair came back with 1 1 1 2 to trail 14-16, but 1 and 3 by Holland made the issue fairly safe. Bradbury only managed a single at the last end, the scores being:—

A.M.H.: 111010204002040000130=20

B.W.B.: 000101010310201112001=15

Very Good Game

The game between D. A. Rozario and J. S. Landolt (Craigengower) and P. A. Peckham and W. McNeill (Kowloon Bowling Green) at Police R.C. was always interesting in that the latter put up a very good fight despite the fact that they were fighting an uphill battle.

Opening with a three the Craigengower pair conceded 2 1 1 1 before running away again with 1 1 0 2 3 7 6 at the 9th. Then another run of 4 0 3 2 0 2 0 2 put them 24-14 ahead, but Peckham scored a 2 at the penultimate head and chalked up a similar score at the last to lose by two after a very good game. Scores were:—

J.S.L.: 300001102004032

020200=20

W.McN.: 0211110010110200

202022=18

18 Scoring Ends

At Police R.C. the Omar brothers were far too good for Gowan and McCutcheon, and scored at 18 ends to total 38 against their opponents' 3, all of which were from singles.

In a one-sided game like this, comment is superfluous, the scores alone serving as sufficient indication regarding the fun of play. They were as follows:—

U.M.C.: 101010101010101010

211345=38

J.McC.: 01000000000010000

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M. N. Rakusen (skip), E. W. C. Simons, P. D. Crawley, M. E. Purvis and J. W. Deakin (skip).

KOWLOON TONG
Second Division (v Hong Kong C.C., home):—H. A. Castro, A. Madar, W. J. Howard and A. E. Kow (skip); N. A. E. McKay, T. K. Lam, J. S. Wong and J. L. Stephens (skip); H. Gilling, J. Tang, A. E. Castro and A. Spary (skip); Reserve: M. S. Rhom.

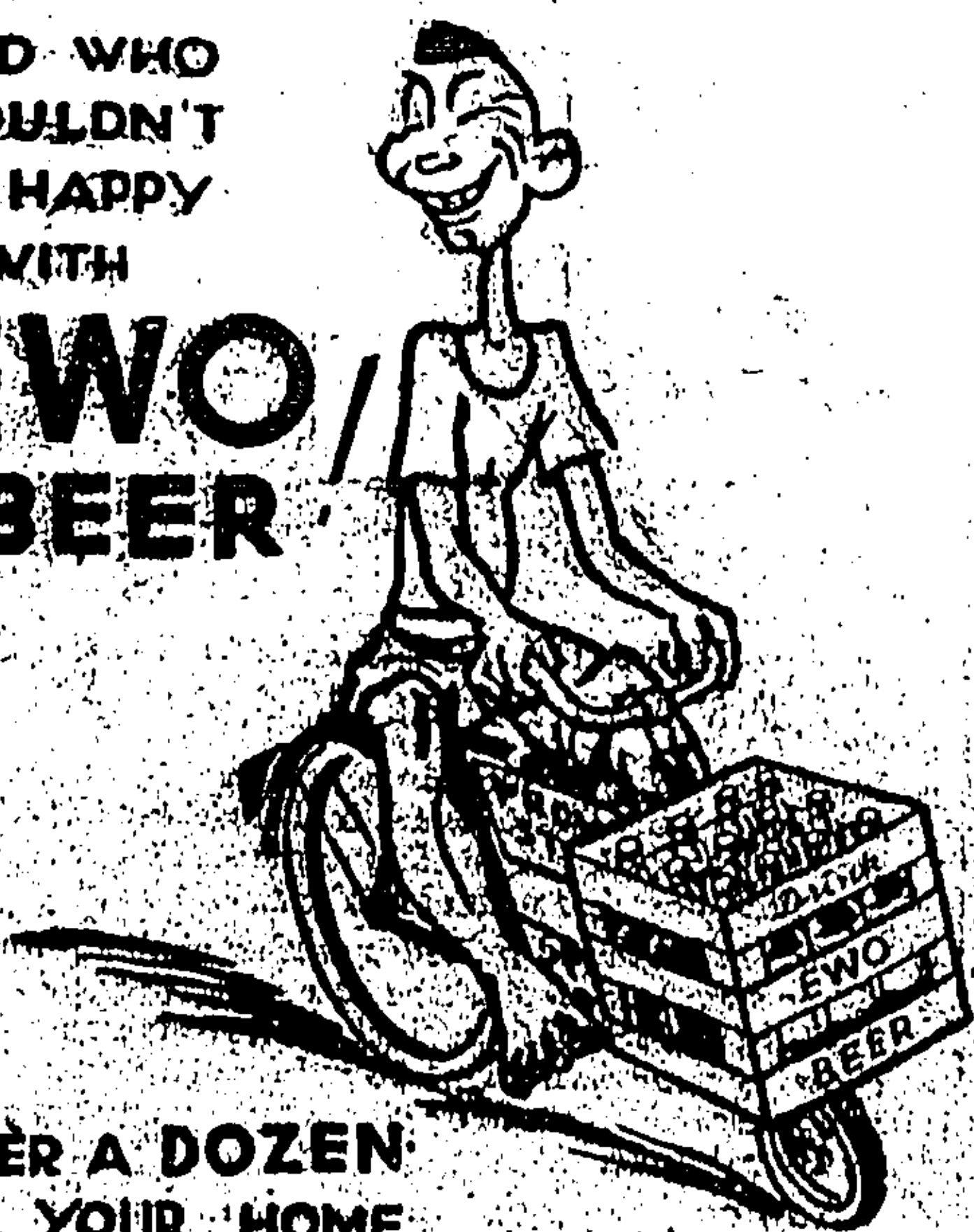
TAIKOO
Second Division (v Hong Kong C.C., home):—W. C. McKie, J. C. Felson, M. Main and W. Melrose (skip); W. Cunningham, F. Thomson, E. Hylton and J. C. Chalmers (skip); L. A. Gibson, D. Coull, C. Boyd and J. A. Walker (skip); Reserve: A. MacArthur.

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S.C.A.A. TENNIS "DOUBLE"

South China A.A. scored a tennis "double" yesterday when they won their postponed Third Division match against Recreio, and also took the points in their Fourth Division fixture with P. O. R. C. (1).

As a result they have consolidated their chances of carrying off honours in both divisions, scoring maximum points so far in both sections. It is interesting to note that in both divisions they are the only teams with 100 per cent records.

The Fourth Division game between Craigengower Cricket Club and Kowloon Indians Tennis Club which was to have been decided yesterday was postponed owing to Volunteer duties.

THIRD DIVISION

South China Up

At King's Park yesterday, South China Athletic Association beat Club de Recreio by 7½ sets to 1½, the scores being:—

F. J. Remedios and J. Fonseca (Recreio)

drew with K. H. Ip and S. Y. Li 6-6

drew with J. Hsu and H. C. Kwok 6-6

lost to K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong 3-6

H. A. Noronha and R. A. Marques (Recreio)

lost to Ip and Li 4-6

lost to Hsu and Kwok 5-7

drew with Chan and Wong 6-6

P. A. Yvanovich and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)

lost to Ip and Li 0-6

lost to Hsu and Kwok 2-6

lost to Chan and Wong 1-6

Table To Date

	THIRD DIVISION	Sets
S.C.A.A.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	
A.T.C.	8 0 0 0 55 17	16
C.R.C. (2)	6 5 1 0 40 13½	10
C.C.C.	7 5 2 0 43 20	10
C.D.R.	5 4 2 0 26½ 18½	8
K.I.T.C.	6 4 2 0 32½ 21½	8
K.C.C.	5 3 2 0 26 19	6
C.R.C. (1)	6 2 4 0 16 38	4
K.T.G.C.A.	3 1 2 0 12½ 14½	2
H.K.U.T.C.	5 1 4 0 10½ 34½	2
I.R.C.	7 1 6 0 20½ 42½	2
	7 0 7 0 13 50	0

FOURTH DIVISION

South China Win

Post Office Recreation Club (1) lost to South China Athletic Association by 3 sets to 6 at Caroline Hill, the scores being:—

J. Howlett and W. G. Morrison (P.O.R.C.)

beat K. C. Wong and K. C. Siet 6-4

beat Y. K. Ng and P. Y. Kwok 7-5

beat S. S. Yau and T. H. Wong 6-0

D. Fitzhugh and Y. S. Fung (P.O.R.C.)

lost to Wong and Siet 2-6

lost to Ng and Kwok 1-6

lost to Yau and Wong 4-6

S. S. Chim and G. I. Chan (P.O.R.C.)

lost to Wong and Siet 0-6

lost to Ng and Kwok 3-6

lost to Yau and Wong 3-6

Points For F.C.

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Filipino Club by 3 sets to 6, scores being:—

A. R. Pollak and M. Tahan (J.R.C.)

lost to B. Poon and P. Poon 4-6

drew with T. Koo and J. Man 6-6

lost to K. K. Yip and L. F. da Souza 2-6

B. Godkin and S. Rambler (J.R.C.)

drew with Poon and Poon 6-6

beat Koo and Man 6-2

beat Yip and Souza 6-4



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GROOMING OF NEW PONIES TO COMMENCE SHORTLY

THERE'S NO NEWS FROM THE STABLES APART FROM THE FACT THAT THE SECOND BATCH OF AUSTRALIAN PONIES ARRIVED HERE LAST WEEK.

P.T. CLASSES AT 'VARSITY' START AUG. 15

ALTHOUGH THE NEW TERM AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY DOES NOT START TILL NEXT MONTH, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PHYSICAL CULTURE AND GYMNASIUM CLASSES, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR. LEE KIM-KUM, WILL COMMENCE AT THE EU TONG-SEN GYMNASIUM ON AUGUST 15.

Mr. Lee, who was appointed physical instructor at the University some time ago, and he was very gratified at the interest taken by both men and women undergraduates.

Last year, Mr. Lee said, over 100 registered for the classes, which were held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and there was never a smaller attendance than 60 to 70 at each class.

Asked if he had any idea how many would register for the new term, Mr. Lee replied that indications were that last year's numbers would at least be maintained, and if things turned out as he hoped a physical culture and gymnastic display would be given by his pupils at the end of the year.

H. Talbot and A. Odell (J.R.C.)
lost to Poon and Poon 1-6
lost to Koo and Man 1-6
lost to Yip and Souza 0-6

Chinese Beat I.R.C.

At Sookunpoo, Chinese Recreation Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 6½ sets to 2½, scores being:—

M. H. Hassan and M. K. Sing (I.R.C.)

lost to K. C. Lal and W. C. Choy 1-6

beat C. N. Tsang and T. F. Chiu 6-2

beat K. N. Wong and Y. Chan 6-2

M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razaok (I.R.C.)

lost to Lal and Choy 0-6

lost to Tsang and Chiu 4-6

drew with Wong and Chan 6-6

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Table To Date

	FOURTH DIVISION	Sets
S.C.A.A.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	
C.C.C.	9 0 0 0 66½ 48	18
C.R.C.	8 7 1 0 55½ 38½	14
F.C.	10 7 3 0 58 29	14
I.R.C.	8 3 4 1 27½ 44½	7
A.T.C.	8 3 4 1 35½ 38½	6
C.B.A.	6 2 4 0 22½ 28½	4
P.O.R.C. (1)	8 2 6 0 23 49	4
J.R.C.	8 1 7 0 23 49	2
P.O.R.C. (2)	8 1 7 0 14 58	2
K.I.T.C.	8 0 8 0 7½ 64½	0

Walter H. Chen, South China's representative on the Council of Hong Kong Football Association, is relinquishing this post as he will be leaving shortly for Malaya.

There were 15 griffins and 26 subscription griffins in the last batch, together with 7 ponies for transhipment to Bangkok. These were, it is understood, for the Government there and were not meant for racing.

The new arrivals look well enough, though it is difficult as yet to judge them as they still have their long coats on. The work of grooming them will commence in the course of the next few days.

The first lot that arrived here some time ago, are being ridden every morning at the Race Course, but will not be drawn for until later in the year, after the third and final consignment for 1942 has arrived.

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

The International Baseball series is due to start on Sunday, August 17. Portugal, winners of the last series, are again entering a team, while China, under "Grandpa" Leung, are now practising hard.

Middlesex Regiment's annual swimming sports were held at European Y.M.C.A. pool yesterday and resulted in a victory for A Company over Headquarters by 54 to 51. B, C and D Companies scored 37, 20 and 14 respectively.

STARTING TIMES AT FANLING

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's starting times for Fanling (Old Course) for Sunday:—

9.16 a.m.	J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison
9.20	A. M. Kennedy, R. C. Gairdner
9.24	A. B. Purves, I. H. Geara
9.28	M. A. Cairns, R. K. Collings
9.32	G. G. Aitkenhead, W. Stoker
9.36	A. E. Lissaman, R. Young
9.40	J. A. Blackwood, W. G. Robertson
9.44	S. L. Lloyd, G. C. Worrall
9.48	D. G. C. Allen, Major Temple
10.16	J. D. Crague, D. S. Robb
10.20	Brig. Macleod, Major Meek

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Two of the teams taking part in the water-polo tournament being run by 2nd M.T.B. Flotilla and H.M.S. Redstart, which commenced on Wednesday in the European Y.M.C.A. pool. The team in the photograph at left, which won by three clear goals, comprised Lt. Comdr. G. H. Gandy, Carr, Downey, Foster, Bartlett, Dyer and Carlston, while the losers, above, were Sub-Lt. Bush, Mitchell, Innis Thorpe, Cook, Blamire and Hugheson. The use of "Mae Wests" is a condition of the tournament, handicapping experienced swimmers and aiding the beginners. (Mayfair Studio).

POLO CLUB PLANS

Hong Kong Polo Club's activities have been restricted for some time owing to the wet weather, but Capt. L. J. A. Fielden, Hon. Secretary of the Club, states that it is hoped to get the programme really under way early next month, with the Cup competitions starting towards the end of September.

The competitions will probably be opened with games for the Lady Stubbs Cup, but the club's major tournament, the K. O. Y. L. I. Cup, will not be held until much later, possibly sometime in November.

Asked if there were any new players this season, Capt. Fielden said that he had heard of a few having joined, but owing to the fact that there had been no games

MINIATURE FOOTBALL INTERPORT

Hong Kong Miniature Football Association are staging an interport match against Macao shortly.

The date has not yet been fixed, but the match will be held in Macao between August 16 and 23.

for some time, he could not make any statement about them, adding, however, that one of them, Lieut. Comdr. Young, who had played a great deal in Malta, is reported to be a fine player.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL MEETING

A meeting of representatives of the civilian junior clubs affiliated to Hong Kong Football Association will be held this afternoon at the Association's offices at 5.30 p.m.



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BRITISH LOSSES IN GREECE AND CRETE

Full Details Given In House Of Commons

Calm Of Sorts In Bangkok

The simultaneous warnings of Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Cordell Hull against any Japanese move in Thailand made a great impression in Bangkok.

The opinion is generally held that Mr. Hull's statement is good as far as it goes but that a more specific statement is necessary if America is to play an effective part in dispelling the war clouds in the Far East.

A CALM OF SORTS NOW PREVAILS IN THE JAPANESE SITUATION BUT AN UNDERCURRENT OF ANXIETY IS NOT IN THE LEAST ABATED.

The Japanese report that Britain, America and China have protested against Thai's recognition of Manchukuo is denied in Bangkok official circles.

They add that anyway China would not lodge a protest as there are no diplomatic relations between China and Thailand. — Reuter.

BOMBER SCORES

One of the bombers which raided Germany on Wednesday night shot down in flames an enemy fighter which attacked it, says a British Wireless message.

Large Number Missing, Fate Unknown

BRITISH LOSSES in Greece and Crete were detailed by Capt. Margesson, Secretary for War, in the Commons yesterday when he gave information in his possession.

It was not possible yet, he said, to say how many of the missing were prisoners of war.

In Greece, the total British force at the start of the German attack numbered 57,757. Of these 44,865 were evacuated.

The force in Greece at the start of the German attack comprised 24,100 British, of whom 16,442 were evacuated, 17,125 Australians, of whom 14,157 were evacuated, and 16,532 New Zealanders, of whom 14,266 were evacuated.

Crete Losses

In Crete the total force at the start of the German attack numbered 27,550, and 14,580 were evacuated.

Of 14,000 British, 7,130 were evacuated.

Of 6,450 Australians, 2,890 were evacuated.

Of 7,100 New Zealanders, 4,560 were evacuated.

The figures giving the strengths in Crete at the start of the German attack included men evacuated from Greece and not re-evacuated to Egypt before the operations in Crete. — Reuter.

JAPANESE STICK TO STORY

Japan has no designs on Thailand — she is on very good terms with that State," declares the "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

The paper accuses Britain of "raising the Japanese bogey to camouflage her own aggressive intentions for strengthening Singapore through the creation of advance bases at the expense of Thailand."

Mr. Suzuki, well-known editorial commentator of the "Yomiuri Shimbun," writing in the August issue of the journal "Japan," while admitting the "general situation forbids us to deny the possibility of war between Japan and the United States," expresses the view that if America is to extend "effective aid" to Great Britain she will "find it imperative to avoid as far as possible any antagonism of Japan." — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

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HOW THE GERMANS ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT ARE SUFFERING STAGGERING LOSSES, FAR EXCEEDING ALL PREDICTIONS, IS INDICATED BY THE AMERICAN COLUMNISTS, LAZAREFF AND ROOT, WHO GIVE FACTS BASED ON THE INCONTROVERTIBLE EVIDENCE OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL GERMAN DOCUMENTS, GIVING CONFIDENTIAL DETAILS OF GERMAN LOSSES UNTIL JULY 11.

Here is the record: Within the first week of war, Germany lost in killed, wounded and prisoners 40,000 daily. In the same period, they lost 450 tanks and armoured cars and 550 planes.

The second week was even costlier. In men they lost 360,000; tanks seven to eight hundred; planes, 850.

In the third week they lost: Men, 350,000; tanks, 700; planes, 800.

Thus Germany's losses for three weeks of warfare amounted to nearly one million killed, wounded or captured, 1,900 tanks and armoured cars, 2,200 planes.

We understand, they write, that the fourth week's losses were almost as great as the third.

The columnists conclude that this would be a heavy price even for complete success. But the programme did not work out. The Germans paid a terrific price, but the objective was not attained. — Special Cable.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF NAVAL AND MERCHANT SHIPS FOR DEFENCE IS BEING DELAYED BY STRIKES IN BIG SHIPYARDS IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF NEW YORK.

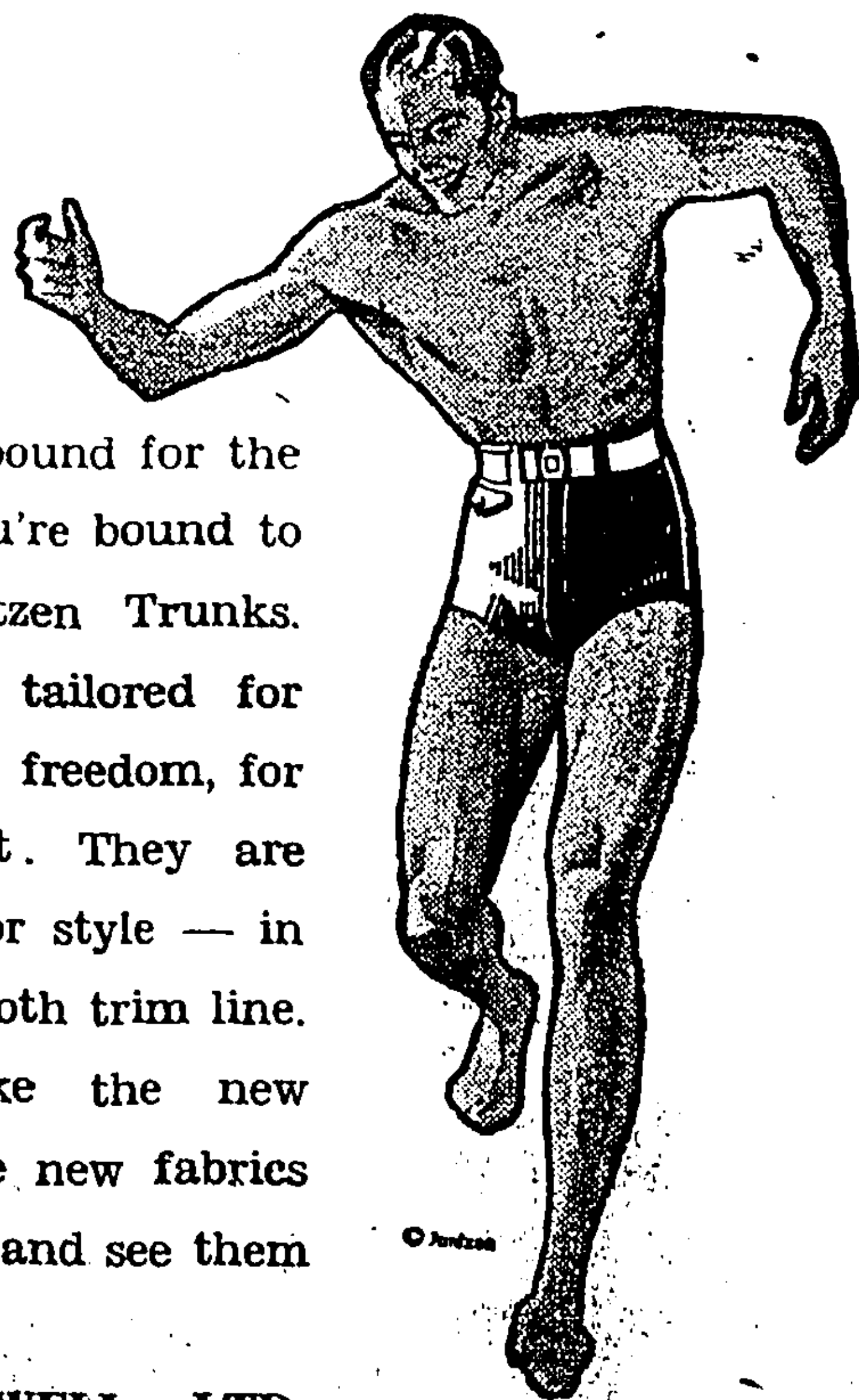
Over \$493,000,000 worth of shipping and 18,000 men are involved alone at the Kearny (N.J.) yards of the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

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A Soviet communique reports that during August 7 there was stubborn fighting in the Kexholm, Kholm, Smolensk and Byelaya-Tserkov sectors of the front. — Reuter.

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COLONIES MUST BE IN THE WAR

Instructions to Colonial Governments on the proper use of economic resources in wartime were published in London yesterday as a White Paper.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a despatch, recommends reduced spending on non-essentials, accumulation of resources for improving the standards of poor populations and continuation of economic developments.

"The economic needs of war require that efforts much more greatly commensurate with those now being made in this country be made by all inhabitants of the Colonial Empire who enjoy a comparatively high standard of life.

"It is an imperative duty, however, to do all practically possible to raise the standard of large Colonial populations whose standard of living is so low that this policy cannot and should not be applied to them even in wartime."

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Tokyo Massing In Manchukuo And On Thai Border

SEVEN AND EIGHT COLUMN BANNER HEADLINES IN LAST EVENING'S LONDON NEWSPAPERS CARRIED THE NEWS, LEARNED IN AUTHORITATIVE LONDON QUARTERS EARLIER IN THE DAY, THAT THAILAND IS "UNDOUBTEDLY IN A POSITION OF DANGER."

The "Evening Standard" headlined its report "Japan threatens Thailand and Vladivostok. One million of the Soviet's best troops ready. Tokyo masses in Manchukuo."

The "Evening News" headlines read: "Japan masses striking force 100 miles from Vladivostok. Siam's position dangerous," and gave prominence to the Tokyo broadcast yesterday that "war may come at any moment."

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PHILIPPINES' STATUS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") ENDING HIS "DOMINION STATUS" TOUR, SENOR MONCADO, STATED IN SAN FRANCISCO YESTERDAY: "THE GREATEST THING FOR THE ISLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE ORIENT IS TO GET TOGETHER WITH THE IDEA OF PROTECTING THE ISLANDS."

"Complete independence and turning over to another power would rob the United States of a great defence outpost."

Senor Moncado, who sailed for Hawaii where he will take the Clipper for Manila, hailed the consolidation of the Army as "making my people safer." — International News Service.

A review of the war situation given in authoritative quarters in London yesterday shows that in Manchukuo the Japanese are reported to be massing possible striking forces between Harbin and the northern border of Korea—about 100 miles from Vladivostok—while in Indo-China the Japanese have occupied Siemreap, 250 miles from Bangkok, capital of Thailand, which country was described as "undoubtedly in a position of danger."

It is thought in London that Thailand would do its best to resist if Japan took military action.

In The North

During the past few weeks the Japanese have been reinforcing their 250,000 men in Manchukuo and northern Korea and there (Continued on Page 16)

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SYNTHETIC "SILK" STOCKINGS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The U.S. Government has launched a broad programme to aid the stricken silk industry through the production of hosiery from synthetics. — International News Service.

Asama Maru Mystery

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") N.Y.K. officials in San Francisco profess ignorance of the whereabouts of the "Asama Maru," due on Wednesday from Honolulu with 100 passengers and several million dollars worth of silk.

Meanwhile scores of Americans and Orient refugees have arrived aboard an American liner. They left the "Asama Maru" at Honolulu.

Three Japanese tankers are also believed to be proceeding home, having failed to arrive at San Francisco. — International News Service.

BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME

Greater successes for A.A. gunners when the Germans again attack Britain were predicted yesterday by General Sir Frederick Pile, C-in-C., A. A. Command, speaking on a gun site near London.

"As the nights grow shorter you will be once more faced with German raids."

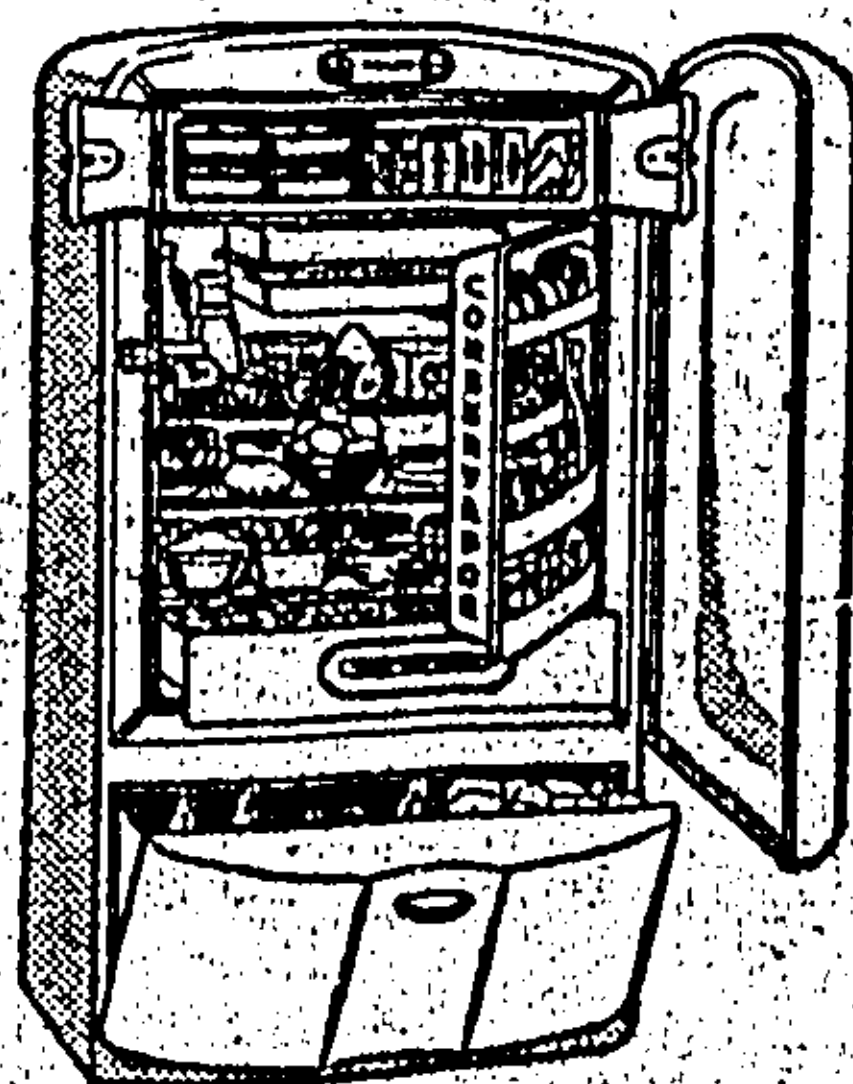
"Your successes have increased in a most gratifying way. The training which everywhere is so much in evidence cannot fail to result in even greater successes. The work you all did last winter has not gone unnoticed."

General Pile accepted a gift of a "Gramovan" from Sir Sydney Abrahams on behalf of Ceylon tea planters. The Gramovan, which is mobile, will travel to units all over the country equipped with over 200 records of every type of music to give gunners and searchlight detachments musical hours when off duty.

The first mobile cinema unit, which was presented by Fort Jameson (Northern Rhodesia) many months ago, will soon go back on the road after receiving repairs. It was damaged during the blitz. — British Wireless.

A new German air raid on Suez killed 30 and injured 35, while some property damage was done, says a Cairo announcement. — International News Service.

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Initiative In Middle East Passes Entirely To Cairo

AXIS FEARS AN EARLY OFFENSIVE

THE INITIATIVE in the Western Desert has now passed into British hands completely, it was stated in authoritative quarters in London yesterday.

The Axis powers, instead of threatening an attack on Egypt, are talking nervously of the possibility of the British attacking Libya, Sicily and the Greek islands.

It was stated that the recent British offensive on the Sollum front took such toll of German armoured fighting vehicles as to rule out an offensive by the Nazis on that front in the near future, even if it were possible while Tobruk is still holding out.

The British invasion of Syria finally wrecked Hitler's whole Middle East plans and put an end to the northern prong of his two-pronged attack — through Libya and Cyrenaica, on one hand, and through the Balkans on the other.

Italian resistance in East Africa is now limited to the Gondar and Wolcheft pockets.

Gondar is estimated to have about 3,000 white Italian troops and 6,000 natives, and Wolcheft a similar number of white troops and 1,000 natives.

Surrounded

This is causing Britain to keep some troops in East Africa to mop up the enemy but the enemy, surrounded and unable to get supplies, would eventually fall into British hands.

All possible troops have been shifted to other parts of the Middle East, and the British have had to block the territory linking Egypt with Turkey, safeguarding Cyprus and shielding Iraq.

Although the German advance in Russia is held and has slowed down everywhere, the Nazis still hold the initiative but undoubtedly the German High Command is disappointed at the slowness of the advance and the heavy losses.

Russian Situation

Latest reports indicate no great change in the Russian situation.

Hitler's armies on the Smolensk front are more or less stationary.

The Nazis are progressing in the Ukraine in a south-easterly direction and if the thrust there gains any considerable success, they might be able to get to the Caucasus and so towards the British Middle East positions.

The Russian army in Siberia is very strong being composed of the most highly-trained and best-equipped Soviet troops. It proved itself superior in the frontier clashes with the Japanese. — Reuter.

Another Raid On Sicily

Another war base in Italy has been raided by British aircraft, it was revealed in yesterday's Cairo R.A.F. communique.

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT FLEET AIR ARM AIRCRAFT ATTACKED THE SUBMARINE BASE AT AUGUSTA, IN SICILY. Many direct hits from a low altitude with heavy bombs were scored.

R.A.F. and South African bombers during the same night raided Derna, Benghazi and other ports in Italian and German hands.

Three enemy planes were destroyed in a raid on Malta the same night. — Reuter.

CZECHS GAIN NEW COURAGE

THE BRITISH, AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN RECOGNITION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS GIVEN CZECHS NEW COURAGE WHICH IS SHOWN IN THE EVER-INCREASING SABOTAGE IN ARMS FACTORIES, ALTHOUGH THE VIGILANT GESTAPO IS THREATENING DEATH FOR SABOTAGE OR NEGLIGENCE.

Silent demonstrations take place daily in Prague outside the former Russian Legation.

It is learned in Ankara from Bratislava that the Slovaks welcomed the recognition of Czechoslovakia as nearly all Slovaks want to see Czechoslovakia restored.

Slovak troops are very bitter because they are being forced to fight Russia and, when in the front line, hasten to desert and join their brother Slavs. — Reuter.

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INDIANS IN ACTION

INDIAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE WESTERN DESERT NEAR THE SPOT WHERE THE FOURTH INDIAN DIVISION COVERED ITSELF WITH GLORY LAST WINTER, SAYS AN INDIAN ARMY OBSERVER IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IN A DESPATCH RECEIVED IN SIMLA, YESTERDAY.

The brigadier commanding the newly-arrived troops offered a reward of a bottle of champagne for the first German brought in dead or alive.

The prize was won by Mahrattas within 48 hours. An enemy car, whose driver had apparently lost his sense of direction, swept past a Mahratta post and at once was captured. — Reuter.

RUSSO-BELGIAN RELATIONS

Arrangements have been made for an exchange of representatives between the Government of Soviet Russia and Belgium following a meeting yesterday of the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Paul Spaak, and the Russian Ambassador to Britain, M. Ivan Malsky.

The meeting took place at the Secretary of State's room, at the Foreign Office. — Reuter.

MR. LYTTLETON BOUND FOR SYRIA

Mr. Oliver Lyttleton, Minister of State, accompanied by his wife, stayed on Wednesday night at Government House in Jerusalem as guests of the High Commissioner. They are on the way to Syria. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT PROPOSAL APPROVED

The U.S. Senate yesterday approved keeping conscripts in service for 18 months beyond the present active service periods, says Reuter from Washington.

Danger From The East

"I am confident India will rise to even greater heights of glory than in the last war to the defence of her territory and the Empire," said the Maharajah of Patiala to Reuter in Singapore yesterday.

He added: "I am glad to see the Indian troops happy and proud to fill an important role in Empire defence."

"India is determined to defeat the enemy and the day is not far when the latter will be completely destroyed."

He added India realised the danger from the East.

The war effort of the Princes of India was such that if the call came India's response would not suffer for lack of men. — Reuter.

BRITISH INVASION VISIONS

The prospect of a British invasion of the Continent is beginning to be put forward in the American press as not outside the realms of possibility.

An expedition somewhere to the north, possibly with Russian collaboration, is now being regarded as both practicable and logical.

THE DANGERS OF SUCH AN OPERATION ARE NOT MINIMISED BUT IT IS FELT THAT BRITAIN HAS FORCES EQUAL TO THE TASK.

The New York "Daily Mirror" in particular deprecates the "blitzkrieg" and suggests that an invasion of Nazi-occupied territory might well be attempted. — Reuter.

CHINESE VICTORY AT ICHANG

AFTER DESPERATE FIGHTING THE JAPANESE COLUMNS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BACK, LEAVING 1,700 DEAD NEAR THE WALLED CITY OF ICHANG, THE CHINESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID IN CHUNGKING.

The Chinese have captured large quantities of arms and supplies.

The Japanese forces in the vicinity of Ichang have launched three unsuccessful attacks recently to disperse the Chinese concentrations, the spokesman added. — Reuter.

SHARP CLASH ON FRINGES OF TOBRUK

EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS made in the Italian communique in regard to an attack by British troops on enemy positions in the salient at Tobruk were refuted by authoritative quarters in London yesterday.

It is stated enemy casualties were heavy although a correct estimate is impossible.

British casualties were 28 killed and 104 wounded and eight missing.

Heavy fighting took place round a post on the enemy's left flank where 28 of the enemy were killed.

The British troops, after fierce fighting, entered a post on the enemy's right flank.

The enemy then put down a very heavy mortar and machine-gun barrage, causing many casualties to their own troops as well as the British.

After dark information was received that the post on the enemy's left flank had been captured and held by two officers and 17 men, including eight badly wounded. They had eight German prisoners.

Strong infantry parties were sent over to relieve the post but they were delayed by fire and

meanwhile the enemy attacked and overpowered the garrison. — Reuter.

Dust Storms

DUST STORMS, LIMITED ACTIVITIES IN LIBYA ON WEDNESDAY, ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S BRITISH MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE IN CAIRO.

The communique stated: "In Libya extremely heavy dust storms have temporarily limited the activities of our raiding parties in the Tobruk area but under cover of the dust one of our fighting patrols attacked an enemy post, inflicting casualties and capturing prisoners and weapons."

"In the frontier area our artillery and machine-guns engaged the enemy and one of our patrols surprised a small enemy column, took a prisoner." — Reuter.

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WASHINGTON MAKES UP MIND

Decides Mr. Churchill Is With Pres. Roosevelt

BRITONS LEAVING SAIGON

Although the British consulate has not given orders, a proportion of the small British colony in Saigon is evacuating on Monday to Singapore.

The party consists chiefly of women and children.

The movement of Japanese troops through Saigon is abating somewhat, giving rise to the supposition that they are making more use of water-borne traffic up the Mekong mouths.

All official French buildings in Saigon have suddenly started sporting enormous white crosses on the roofs.

It is understood this is due to a Vichy order to ensure the safety of French property in the event of an armed conflict in the Far East, which indicates French non-belligerency.—Reuter.

REPULSE BAY BURGLARY

THE CASE IN CONNECTION WITH BURGLARIES AT NO. 37, REPULSE BAY ROAD, RESIDENCE OF THE HON. MR. A. L. SHIELDS, AND AT NO. 12, SOUTH BAY ROAD, HOME OF MR. R. D. GILLESPIE, WAS CONCLUDED AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELTON, K.C., THIS MORNING.

First accused, Li Ping, 30, who was charged with burglary, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

Second defendant, Yeung Man-kwong, 19, and Tam Mui, 32, widow, on the charge of receiving stolen property, were sentenced to one year and six months respectively.

Silverware valued at \$1,956 was stolen from Mr. Shield's residence, and \$1,048 worth of silverware from Mr. Gillespie's house.

Det. Sergeant J. Bentley prosecuted.

VICHY RUMOURS PRESIST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE UNITED STATES Government is seriously concerned at diplomatic advices indicating that Vichy is steadily giving in to German pressure for complete collaboration and may permit the Nazis to use African bases, including Dakar.

Marshal Petain is said to be badly broken up by the nature of the German pressure, with a stick held over the French people in the shape of 1,700,000 French prisoners of war in German camps, who would be permitted to "rot" unless France gives in.

Marshal Petain is said to be in a continual state of grief, returning dispirited and sick at the sight of the cream of French manhood in the camps.—International News Service.

Not Satisfied

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, told his press conference yesterday that the Note from France was substantially along the lines reported in press despatches from Vichy.

Asked whether the new assurances were satisfactory, Mr. Hull said he still wished to know more about what was happening in Vichy.

Mr. Hull indicated that the Vichy Note might be published later.

His remarks led some observers in Washington to infer that the

By A Process Of Elimination

AS FAR AS WASHINGTON IS CONCERNED THE ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL AFFAIR HAS PRACTICALLY CEASED TO BE A MYSTERY.

It is argued that Mr. Churchill could be absent in only two places—either in Moscow or with President Roosevelt, and it is thought that any arrival in Moscow could hardly be covered by such an impenetrable blanket of secrecy.

Hence the conviction that the British Prime Minister must be with President Roosevelt.

Interest yesterday therefore centred not in whether they are meeting but why.

Some of the best political observers are of opinion that the meeting portends enormous events and steps.

ONE THEORY IS THAT MR. HARRY HOPKINS BROUGHT BACK WORD FROM MOSCOW OF THE URGENCY OF FULL SUPPORT FOR RUSSIA, TO ENSURE THAT SHE COULD HOLD GERMANY.

If they are actually meeting, its importance seems to be shown by the fact that no diplomatic exchanges or arrangements preceded it.

"Great Secret"

There is strong reason to believe the State Department knew nothing of the meeting or the arrangements for it. It is felt the details were known only to three men—President Roosevelt, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Churchill.

It was thought in Washington yesterday that if it is true that the American Chiefs of Staff and Col. Frank Knox (Secretary of Navy) were with President Roosevelt, then Mr. Churchill was probably not there, because of the obvious political repercussions in Congress to the British Prime Minister talking to the heads of America's fighting Services.

More "Fishing"

However, there is fairly convincing evidence that General George Marshall and General

Arnold are both fishing in Chesapeake Bay, nowhere near President Roosevelt's resort at Campobello, and there is no real evidence that Admiral Stark and Colonel Knox have gone there either.

Meanwhile an official despatch from the presidential yacht "Potomac" states President Roosevelt is keeping in close touch with international affairs by naval radio.

THE DESPATCH ADDED THE WEATHER WAS EXCELLENT AND THE FISHING GOOD.

There was no mention of the rumours of a possible Roosevelt-Churchill meeting.—Reuter.

R.A.F. KEEPS UP STERN OFFENSIVE

FURTHER WIDESPREAD activities by the R.A.F. over Germany and Northern France were reported in an Air Ministry communique issued yesterday.

The communique stated that Bomber Command aircraft seeking enemy shipping in daylight on Wednesday bombed a small convoy escorted by destroyers off the Dutch coast.

After the attack one vessel was seen down by the stern, with smoke pouring from it.

On Wednesday night, although the weather was even less favourable than the previous night, Bomber Command aircraft attacked objectives in Frankfurt, Mannheim and Karlsruhe.

More large fires were started and a considerable weight of bombs dropped in each city. Eight aircraft are missing from the night's operations.

Fighter Attacks

Fighter Command aircraft attacked a number of aerodromes in Northern France during the night. One aircraft is missing.

Coastal Command aircraft torpedoed an enemy vessel off the Norwegian coast during the night and bombed an aerodrome in Norway. One aircraft is missing.—Reuter.

Coast Pounded

British bombers pounded the Nazi-occupied French coast around Calais and Boulogne early yesterday with loads of heavy explosives.

Residents on the south-east coast of England saw the vivid flashes of German anti-aircraft fire and heard the rumble of bomb explosions muffled by a stiff north-west wind.

The raid started a few hours after German coastal batteries had shelled Dover, damaging 20 houses, and injuring three men and two women.

Fierce anti-aircraft fire thwarted a German air raid on the Thames Estuary. High explosives were dropped at a number of places in south-east England with no serious damage.

OIL FIRE DISASTER ON THAMES

It is learned that a serious fire and explosion occurred on Tuesday at the premises of a firm engaged in the manufacture of oil products on Thames side.

Seven casualties were reported, and the cause of the fire is being investigated.—Reuter.

AVIATION PETROL SHORTAGE

Mr. Harold J. Ickes, U.S. Petroleum Administrator, yesterday announced that four American tankers are being transferred to Russia to transport aviation petrol.

At the same time he told reporters that there was a shortage of aviation petrol in the United States which might possibly have severe effects on military and commercial flying unless the capacity for producing it was increased immediately.

Mr. Ickes added that the transfer to Russia might contribute to a limited general petroleum shortage in West Coast areas and declared a compulsory plan to conserve petrol on the East Coast might be not far ahead.

Mr. Ickes concluded by saying that despite the efforts to influence motorists to cut down consumption the amount used on the Atlantic seaboard had actually materially increased in the last fortnight.

"Causing Concern"

The problem of increasing America's capacity for producing aviation petrol, which requires special machinery, will be taken up by Mr. Ickes on August 11 at a meeting in Washington of the chairmen of regional oil industry committees.

Mr. Ickes added that the situation regarding aviation petrol was "causing a good deal of concern".—Reuter.

BOMBING OF YENAN

"INTERESTING"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The recent Japanese bombing of Yen-an, headquarters of the Communist forces, was "interesting," commented the Chinese military spokesman in Chungking yesterday.

The spokesman also remarked that the latest daily Japanese raids on Hunan were aimed at destroying rail communications.—International News Service.

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BRITAIN MUST NOT BURN THEM: NEW FIRE GUARD SYSTEM

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

"BRITAIN MUST NOT BURN" is the theme of a new decision by Government regarding fire-fighting in residential areas.

In the opinion of Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Security Minister, the people's fire-bomb army must have both adequate numbers and the esprit de corps that comes from good organisation and training.

To secure these he is issuing instructions rendering all men between 16 and 60 in vulnerable areas liable to compulsory enrolment unless they are in exempted classes.

Henceforth the fire guard will form part of the air raid warden service but with their own officers and organisation.

Compulsion will reinforce the existing volunteers but must not diminish their numbers and enthusiasm. It will give the compulsory fire guard at places of work an assurance that their homes are effectively guarded during their absence.

Mr. Morrison feels the time has now come to introduce a higher degree of organisation and training for fire watchers, who are now estimated to number 2,000,000.

First step will be to have officers and non-commissioned officers always on duty.

Three Essentials

Commenting on the proposals, Mr. Morrison said that for the success of the scheme three things were necessary.

Firstly, that volunteers who have given their services devotedly for many months continue their work.

Secondly, that all ranks of wardens and the new fire guard leaders achieve the closest co-operation.

Thirdly, cooperation between the national fire service and the fire guards.—Reuter.

DOUBLING LEASE AND LEND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is learned in Washington that President Roosevelt has intimated to Democratic leaders he will ask Congress to increase the Lease and Lend programme to \$14,000,000,000 shortly after his return from his mysterious voyage in the North Atlantic.

Actual amount will be determined from Mr. Harry Hopkins' information on the needs of Britain, Russia and China. Already defence officials are prepared for a tentative Lease and Lend expansion doubling the present \$7,000,000,000 outlay.

THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 13 OR 14, AND MR. HOPKINS IS EXPECTED TO BE WITH HIM.

Industry's Request

Amount of the request will be fixed not only on the need of Eng and, Russia and China for war materials but also on the industrial capacity of the growing U.S. armament industries and the manpower available.

Defence industries have asked the Office of Production Management for additional funds for Lease and Lend materials so that they can map production schedules.—International News Service.

INDUSTRY COAL CONTROL

UNDER THE SCHEME FOR THE CONTROL OF THE COAL INDUSTRY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASSUMED WIDE POWERS IN CONNECTION WITH PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH, INCLUDING POWER TO REQUISITION ANY OR ALL MINES IF NECESSARY.

The Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, made this announcement after a Cabinet meeting yesterday, and said existing facilities would be used to increase supply and build up stocks at storage centres.

Mr. Norman Nighell, Chairman of the Repatriation Commission, has been appointed Commonwealth Coal Commissioner, with power to take measures to improve the fixing of prices, profits and freight rates.—Reuter.

Germans Leaving Bohemia

Goering's sister-in-law has arrived in Switzerland from Bohemia, where her husband, Alfred Goering, has been manager of the Skoda works for the last two years, it was learned in Czech circles in London yesterday.

She was allowed to move her possessions from the Reich in a railway truck which presumably contained furniture.

Reports reaching London show that many other rich Germans who took refuge in Czechoslovakia to escape R.A.F. raids are returning to Germany owing to the growing tension in Czechoslovakia.

From the number of influential Germans who are either leaving Bohemia or sending their families back to Germany, Reuter learns it is evident that serious trouble is apprehended before long.—Reuter.

SNATCHER CAUGHT

Walking in Humphrey's Avenue at 5.30 p.m. yesterday with her daughter, Mrs. R. Gutierrez, of No. 16, Cameron Road, had her handbag snatched.

The snatcher was eventually arrested by a Portuguese boy, O. Julebin.

Before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning, Yuen Ngau, 21, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and eight strokes for snatching, while Julebin was commended for his effort.

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IN MY 15 YEARS' judicial experience of rackets and ramps which have been exposed in the courts I must confess that this particular one deserves to go down in history as a masterpiece," said the Puisne Judge, Mr. P. E. F. Cressal this morning at the Summary Court when he gave judgment in favour of the Hong Kong Yaumati Ferry Co. in an action brought by a dismissed employee.

The employee claimed return of \$300 deposit money, \$11.50, half a month's wages, and \$23, being a month's salary due in lieu of a month's notice.

His Lordship was referring to the practice of ticket sellers of the company giving short change to third class passengers when tendering a ten-cent piece for a three-cent fare.

Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho of Leo d'Almada and Co., appeared for plaintiff and Mr. F. H. Loseby was for the defendants.

Giving written judgment His Lordship said:—

"In this case the Plaintiff claims the sum of \$334.80 being \$300 cash deposited by him with the Defendants as a fidelity bond for the due performance of his duties: \$11.50 for half a month's wages in lieu of notice

"The sole issue involved is whether

the defendant company was justified in dismissing him without notice. The facts proved to my satisfaction are as follow:

"On October 23, 1937, the plaintiff joined the company as what is known as a 'reserve ticket collector'. He received no salary but was liable to be called up for service, if and when, one of the permanent staff was away. He was required to deposit the sum of \$100 as security for his good behaviour and diligence whilst employed by the company.

"On April 26, 1938, he was promoted to 'reserve ticket seller' and in return for the honour thus bestowed on him, he was required to produce a further \$200 in cash, which he did. He, then, apparently acted as a substitute for some of the permanent ticket sellers,

and under a most peculiar system was paid by them for performing the duties of the permanent staff engaged by the company.

"Peculier System"

"On September 21, 1940, he received further 'promotion' by being placed on the permanent staff and thereafter became a salaried employee.

"On October 1, 1940, he was put in charge of the 1st class ticket booth at the Jordan Road terminus of the ferry and remained there until October 16 when he was transferred to the third class ticket booth. This work he says he found to be far more difficult than the former, so he was 'forced' to engage a gentleman by name, Leung Fong, to assist him. He did this, he asserts, because he was not used to the routine in that office, and, being a philanthropist drawing \$23 a month, he paid his assistant at the rate of \$20 a month from his own pocket, without telling his employers he had done so! The inference, is, of course, that having the interests of the company so much at heart he was prepared to reduce his own salary to \$3 per month. In order to save the company money. Nothing further seems to have happened until October 24 when, very inconsiderately, certain officials of the company paid a surprise visit to the ticket booth presided over by the plaintiff and found that the mechanism of the turnstile had been tampered with, with the result that it was not registering. It is not necessary to go into details as to how this was done. Suffice it to say that there was an excess of roughly \$4 in the ticket booth, over and above the amount which the metre of the turnstile called for. An investigation followed, and the plaintiff, his private assistant, Leung Fong, and another gentlemen were arrested by the Police and charged with conspiring to defraud the company. The case was, however, dismissed by the Magistrate, but in the meantime the plaintiff had been summarily discharged from his employment.

"Habitually Late"

"These, shortly, are the main facts of the case, but there are other facts of interest which are relevant to the issue involved and which must now be mentioned.

"(a) Under the Regulations of the company, which bind all employees, no employee is permitted to report late for duty. He must be at his post by 4.45 a.m., each morning. The plaintiff nevertheless, has admitted that during the period October 18 to October 24 (the vital week as it were) he was habitually late for duty and did not arrive until nearly 6 a.m. He explains this by saying that it did not matter how late he was, provided his assistant was there at the proper time. In other words, he suggests that as he was paying the piper he was entitled to call the tune to the extent of an extra 'forty winks' in bed each morning.

"(b) According to the plaintiff it has been the practice of employees of this company to rob passengers deliberately when giving them change for a ten-cent piece. The third class fare is three cents, and as far as I can gather from his testimony, if a passenger was so foolish as to tender a ten-cent piece (which, in view of the then shortage of copper coins and the fact that the new one-cent note was not then in existence, was the lowest money denomination in possession of most people) he or she was deliberately given six cents change, the one cent difference being looked upon as some kind of 'profit' or 'premium' for the ticket seller for performing the duties for which his employers were paying him.

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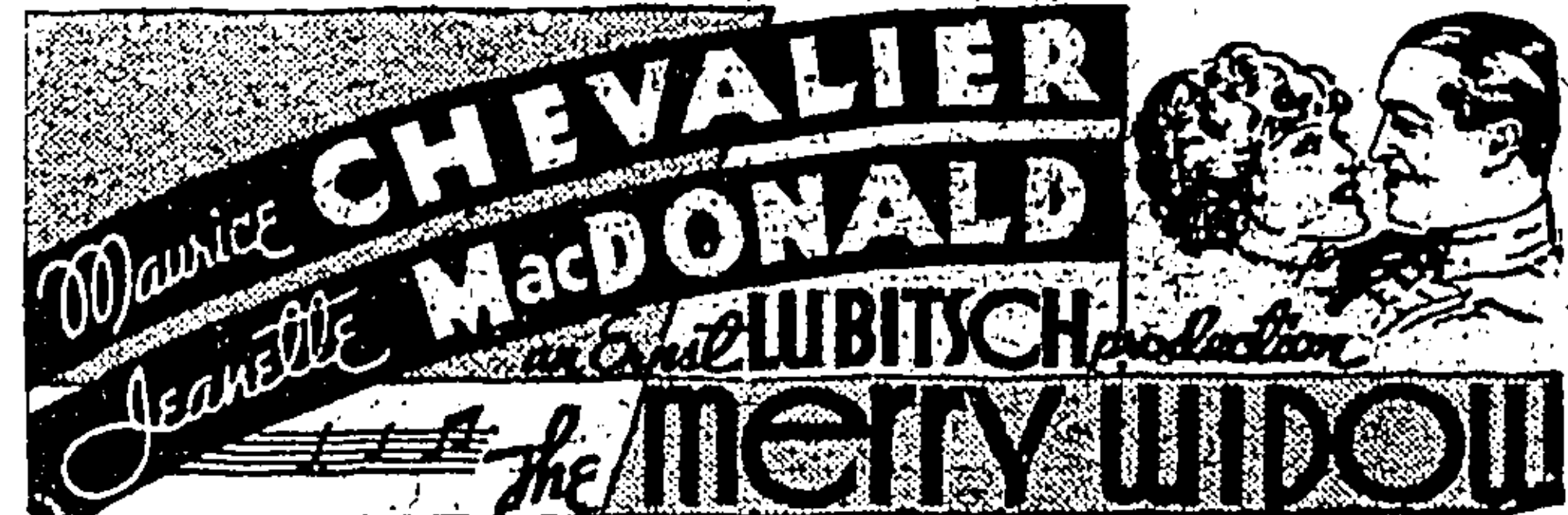


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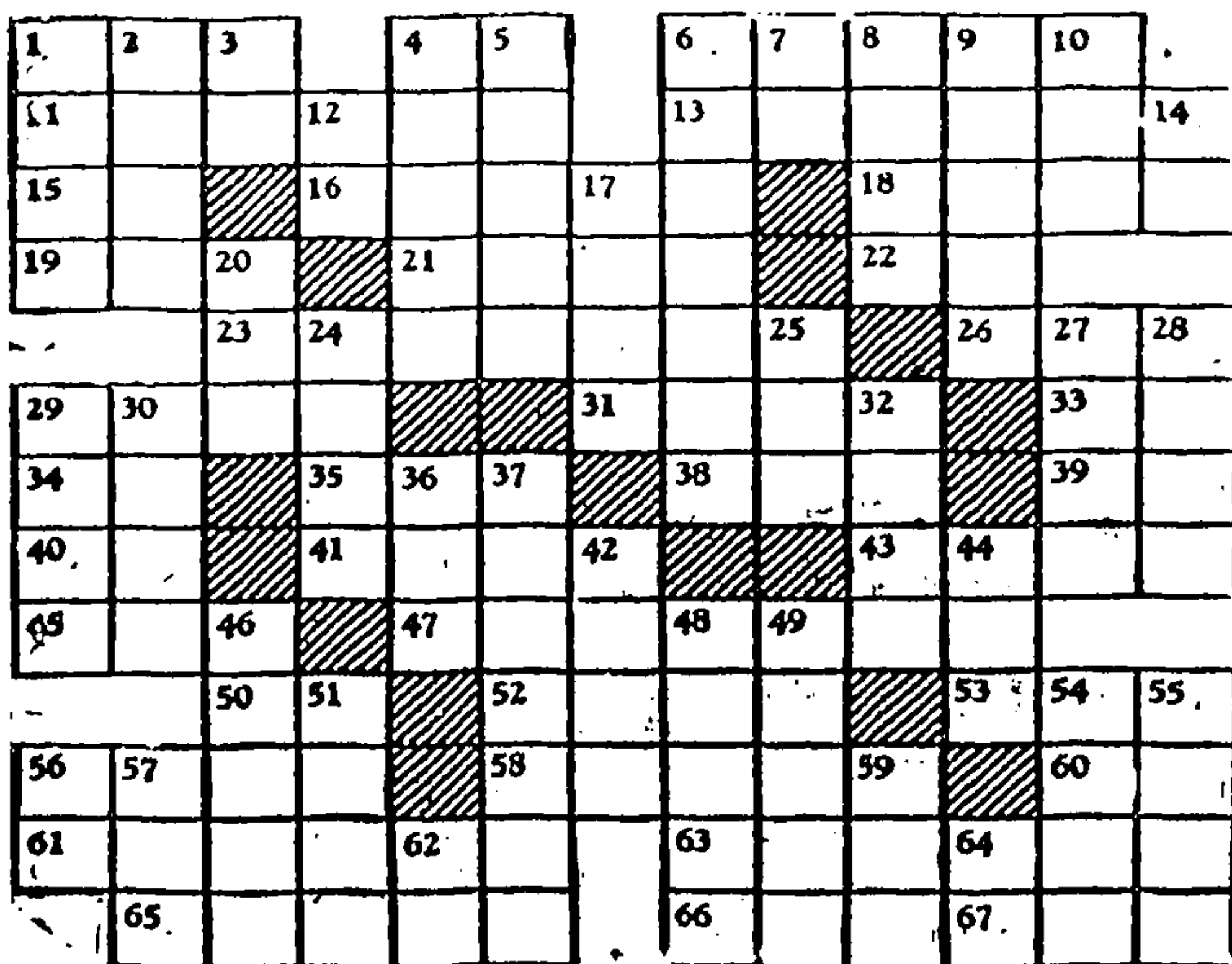
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- 11 To hold in greater favour
- 13 Woolly
- 15 Therefore
- 16 To worship
- 18 To 'stuff'
- 19 Being
- 21 Mental image
- 22 Pronoun
- 23 Hugo
- 26 Wise saying
- 29 To languish
- 31 To allot
- 33 Not any
- 34 Article
- 35 Part of a circle
- 38 Music, as written
- 39 Toward
- 40 Pronoun
- 41 Cranny
- 43 Snow vehicle
- 45 Nephew of Abraham
- 47 Scalloped
- 50 Conjunction
- 52 To approach
- 53 Precious stone
- 55 Mother of Apollo

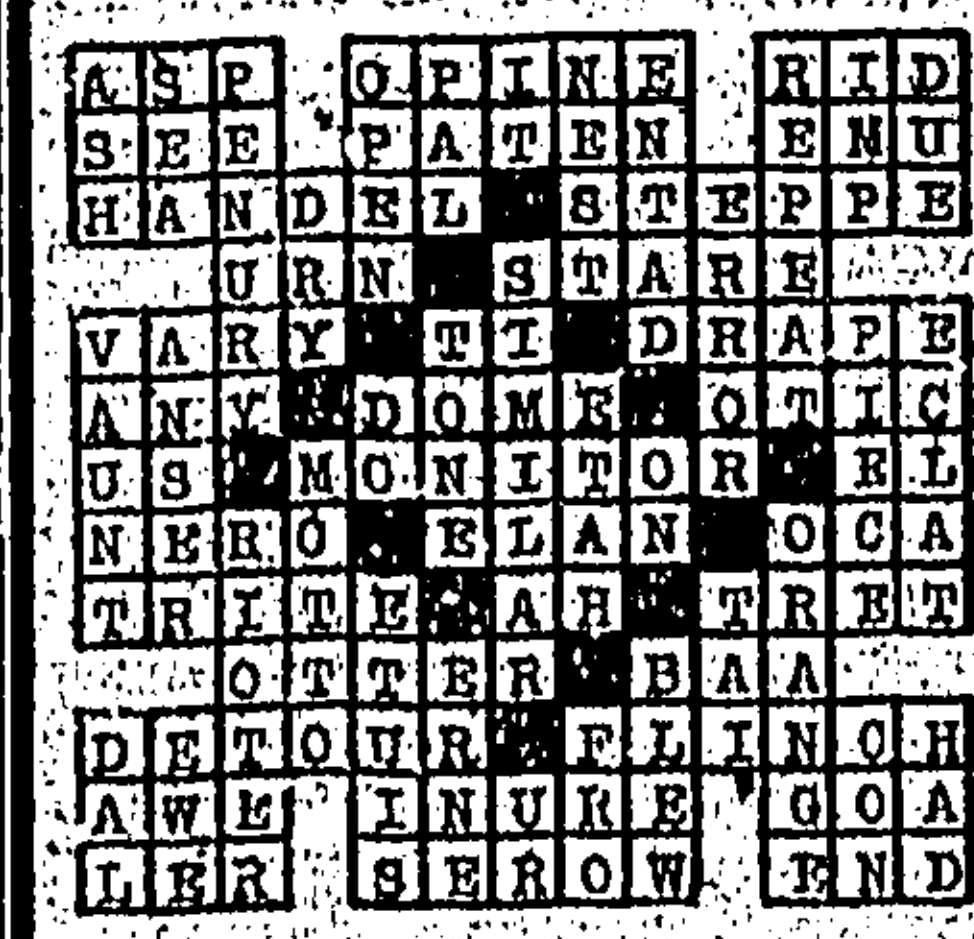
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- 1 Projecting part of a building
- 2 To smooth
- 3 Pronoun
- 4 To render indistinct
- 5 To eat away
- 6 Gratifies

7 Egyptian deity

- 8 Length measure
- 9 Ventures
- 10 Greek letter
- 12 Note of scale
- 14 Printer's measure
- 17 To tear
- 20 Transgression
- 24 To intend
- 25 To consume
- 27 Poker stake
- 28 Forest
- 29 Bucket
- 30 Proposition
- 32 To endure
- 36 Fabulous bird
- 37 Traps
- 42 Sharp
- 44 Limb
- 46 Absolute
- 48 Pertaining to birth
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IN FLAT CONTRADICTION TO GERMAN PROPAGANDIST PROPHECIES OF AN IMMEDIATE DEVASTATING VICTORY ON THE CENTRAL FRONT, THE RED ARMY HIGH COMMAND YESTERDAY DECLARED ITS CONFIDENCE THAT THE GERMANS WILL NOT REACH KIEV AND LENINGRAD, "LET ALONE MOSCOW."

While the Russians admit that severe fighting is going on in Estonia they do not bother to deny a German claim that Smolensk has been in German hands since July 16, when, according to the German communique, "the town was taken by a motorised infantry division at bayonet point."

The Soviets concede a new German-Finn drive down the Karelian Isthmus against Leningrad, but label as pure propaganda German claims that the Russian Army and Air Force are "on the verge of destruction."

Another air raid on Moscow, grandiosely described as "the greatest raid on Moscow," was beaten off with no military damage done.

The Nazis claim to have destroyed a "huge" aircraft plant, great fires sweeping the factory, which is believed to have been rendered useless."

Soviet quarters say the Russian troops "fought stubbornly" at Kexholm (near Lake Ladoga), in the Estonian sectors, in the Smolensk area and the Byelaya-Tserkov district.

Nazi Morale Boasting

The Nazi communique claiming the capture of Smolensk says "German losses were moderate while 13,000 Russian prisoners were taken."

The Germans claim the Red Air Force lost 1,098 planes and that "Russia's doom was sealed in the struggle between Dnieper and Dvina, due to the superiority of the German conduct of operations, and the initiative of the leaders and troops."

German military circles in Berlin say the third "and final" phase is "speeding to a knock-out with the complete annihilation of the Russian forces, now morally stricken."

The add: "The drive on Moscow is continuing with all the ferocity that marked the smashing of the Stalin Line."—International News Service.

The Reason Why

HOW THE GERMANS ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT ARE SUFFERING STAGGERING LOSSES, FAR EXCEEDING ALL PREDICTIONS, IS INDICATED BY THE AMERICAN COLUMNISTS, LAZAREFF AND ROOT, WHO GIVE FACTS BASED ON THE INCONTROVERTIBLE EVIDENCE OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL GERMAN DOCUMENTS, GIVING CONFIDENTIAL DETAILS OF GERMAN LOSSES UNTIL JULY 11.

Here is the record:
Within the first week of war, Germany lost in killed, wounded and prisoners 40,000 daily. In the same period, they lost 450 tanks and armoured cars and 550 planes.
The second week was even costlier. In men they lost 380,000; tanks seven to eight hundred; planes, 850.

In the third week they lost: Men, 350,000; tanks, 700; planes, 800.

Thus Germany's losses for three weeks of warfare amounted to nearly one million killed, wounded or captured, 1,900 tanks and armoured cars, 2,200 planes.

We understand they write that the fourth week's losses were almost as great as the third. The columnists conclude that this would be a heavy price even for complete success. But the

programme did not work out. The Germans paid a terrific price but the objective was not attained.—Special Cable.

Soviet Communique

A Soviet communique issued yesterday afternoon stated: "During Wednesday night stubborn fighting continued in the Smolensk, Byelaya-Tserkov and Estonian sectors. No major operations to report from other sectors. The Soviet Air Force dealt heavy blows to enemy artillery positions, mechanised and motorised units and enemy planes on an aerodrome on the River '1'." The 20th German Tank Regiment suffered heavy casualties. Heavy casualties were also inflicted upon the 112th and 59th German Tank Regiments.

Twenty-eight tanks, six guns, 26 machine-guns and 30 motor vehicles were captured. "In the north-western sector of the front the Germans succeeded in crossing the River 'N'." "Our troops under the command of Comrade Krasnoff attacked the Germans next morning supported by Soviet planes. The Germans were annihilated, and 210 Germans were found dead on the bank of the river. Many German soldiers were drowned while retreating."—British Wireless.

Nazi Admission

A commentator on yesterday's special communique of the German High Command said over the German radio last night: "The annihilating battle against the strongly-armed Soviet forces is not, however, yet over."

"The new phase of the operations now in progress shows how great still is the power of resistance of the now greatly harassed Soviet forces."—Reuter.

A Soviet communique reports that during August 7 there was stubborn fighting in the Kexholm, Kholm, Smolensk and Byelaya-Tserkov sectors of the front.—Reuter.

NANTAO SUICIDES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NINE CHINESE IN SHANGHAI COMMITTED SUICIDE BECAUSE OF STARVATION WHICH GRIPPED THE CHINESE CITY OF NANTAO WHEN THE JAPANESE BARRED THE GATES LEADING TO THE FRENCH CONCESSION FOR A FORTNIGHT FOLLOWING THE WOUNDING OF A JAPANESE GENDARME BY A TERRORIST.

Hundreds were brought near death by hunger as Nantao was isolated from the rest of Shanghai. Rice, vegetables and meat are soaring to fantastic prices in Nantao and are fast disappearing.

One gate was opened yesterday morning to relieve the dire situation, and meanwhile the Japanese are continuing the searches for the escaped terrorists.—International News Service.

EAGLE SQUADRON'S SUCCESSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was announced in London yesterday that the American Eagle Squadron of the R.A.F. last month destroyed five fighters and a Dornier bomber.—International News Service.

GERMAN LOSSES OF SUPPLIES

During the past 18 months, said Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, in the Commons yesterday, the Germans imported from the Soviet substantial quantities of essential war materials, including cereals, oil, timber, manganese, chrome and cotton.

Oil imports for this period were in the neighbourhood of one million tons, including lubricants and aviation spirit.

In addition, the trans-Siberian railway was Germany's only link with the Far East and during recent months goods reached Germany by this route at a rate well over 500,000 tons yearly.

They consisted mainly of animal and vegetable oils and fats but also included rubber, tin, copper and tungsten.

Immediate result of Germany's unprovoked aggression against Russia was, of course, to cut off further supplies from and through Russia. Nor, as things are, could these be replaced by German imports from any other source.—Reuter.

MASTERPIECE IN RAMPS DENOUNCED

(Continued from Page 5)

exposed in the courts, I must confess that this particular one deserves to go down in history as a masterpiece and I am indebted to the solicitor for the defence for his illuminating statement that the clue to the whole matter is to be found in the fact that the Hong Kong one-cent piece is worth "more than its weight in gold."

"In the present case, it has been established to my complete satisfaction that the plaintiff is a dishonest man. A man who, knowing the war-time value of the Hong Kong one-cent coin, deliberately decided to rob the public to the detriment of his employers, and to this end engaged an assistant to help him. I do not believe that the Chief Inspector of the Company was an active partner in this fraud, but I do say that the gentleman in question has very peculiar ideas as to the difference between honesty and dishonesty. It is not part of my duty to advise public utility companies as to the means and methods of conducting their business, but I suggest to their legal adviser that, in view of the statements made by plaintiff and the Chief Inspector, the time is opportune for these facts to be brought to the notice of the Board."

"I find as a fact that defendant firm were 'justified' in dismissing plaintiff for gross misconduct in the performance of his duties and that, in accordance with the regulations of the company (which form an integral part of his contract with them) he is not entitled to a return of his cash deposit."

"I wish to add, however, that in view of the evidence given by the Chief Inspector, the company should consider the question of making the plaintiff an ex gratia payment in proportion to his service via the cash deposit he has made to them."

"There will therefore be judgment for defendants with costs."

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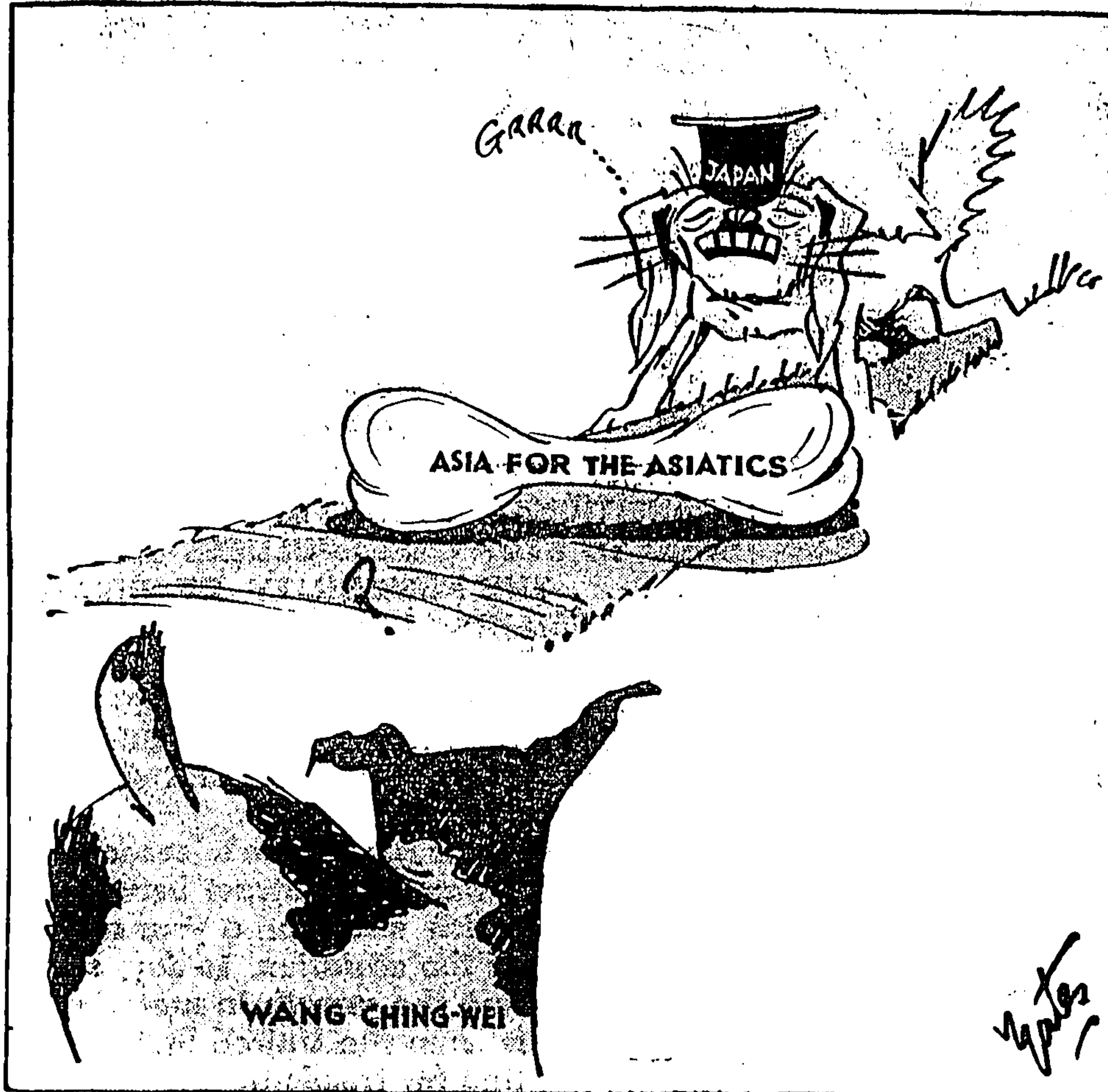
Hitler's third attempt to break Russia is reported to be about to begin or is even now under way. Germany tacitly admitted that a further and "overpowering" onslaught was about to be launched, but the fact that this is the third distinct attempt to subdue the Soviets has been slurred over by Berlin and made to appear as merely strengthening of the original advance. It is patent, however, that with winter already within measurable distance Hitler must make his final effort now.

Dr. Rauehning, the former leader of the Danzig Senate and a close friend of Hitler's until they quarrelled, declared recently that "unless Hitler secures a complete and decisive victory within a few weeks you can reckon on the collapse of the Nazi regime before the year is out." While the erstwhile Nazi leader's prophecy smacks somewhat strongly of wishful thinking, his opinion must necessarily carry weight. His ground for optimism was based to a large extent on the fact that "attacking China or Russia is like punching a cushion. Your fist disappears in the cushion." Undoubtedly Germany's fist has disappeared twice in the Russian cushion with tremendous loss and though the outcome of the third attempt cannot be anticipated, it is clear that the German authorities are beginning to realise that the Russian soldier possesses qualities of fighting against which Germany's military tactics have up to the present proved unavailing.

Dr. Goebbels' instructions to his radio commentators betray the fact that Germany's "victorious march" into Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev did not materialise as he had pictured in the earlier days of the campaign. He is now forced to temper his song of triumph to something less definite. He is obliged, therefore, to distract the attention of his listeners by enlarging on side issues and instructs his radio commentators to western Europe to concentrate upon Russia's internal difficulties rather than dwell on German achievements. For his Asiatic listeners he still builds up a picture of German might by describing in vivid language Russia's military and civil flight before the German armies. Russia's internal difficulties—probably manufactured or enhanced for the occasion—are again stressed. The failure of the German attacks are thus slurred over while the commentator endeavours to portray a Russia, chaotic internally and chaotic near the fighting areas.

German propagandists are carefully selected and trained for their jobs. Their duty is not to tell the facts, but to adhere closely to the lines laid down for them by Dr. Goebbels' propaganda bureau in Berlin. That actual facts are glossed over, ignored or twisted as circumstances demand, is accepted as the correct procedure; so that the only difficulty encountered is in making each announcement reassuring to the German people and plausible to those whom Germany wants to impress.

The camouflaging of the Russian campaign into a triumphant entry into Russia proper has, however, presented difficulties from the start. These men are not concerned with the veracity of their statements, but they have so long and so completely overdrawn their "victories" that even the German people themselves, inured as they are to extravagant phraseology, must be losing confidence in what Dr. Goebbels pours forth daily. As for the outside world and those waiting for deliverance from German oppression the comforting fact is again dawning that truth though temporarily obscured, cannot be forever hid. Germany, deny it as she will, has failed and ignominiously failed in her first two attempts to conquer Russia.



THE ONE-DOG BONE

Safest Job In The War

No names, no routes, no airports and no times may be mentioned when one writes of the growing business of ferrying American-built planes across the Atlantic to England. This was made very plain by the slight young man in a blue serge suit who directs operations.

This young man has flown the Atlantic more times than he can remember. He had become, indeed, an Atlantic specialist long before the war began, wise in his judgments, knowledgeable in all branches of the craft. But he let the ferry pilots speak for themselves.

These pilots regard their job as a straight-line air operation. When one spoke of the risks of their job they became explosive. "Don't put that in your paper," they demanded, "for it just is not true. This is the safest job in the whole war. If you want to write about risks, we can tell you about the trip back we had in a freighted in convoy. Two ships were sunk fore and aft of us and a torpedo went past our bows. The skipper had been sunk three times already and perhaps that was what saved us. He thought he was immune. We have never seen an enemy plane or had a moment of danger except when we were in a Blitz in England or on the way back by boat."

The real job, they say, is done by the weather experts who supply them with a twenty-four-hour forecast at which they never cease to marvel. "My navigator" was pretty new on his job, "one of them said, 'so I flew by the weather chart and was less than three miles off my course when I hit the other side. These weather men are marvels!'"

It is the pilot, however, who decides for himself and his crew whether and when to fly after he gets his weather report. He gets no orders. He must judge for himself in the same manner as any ship's captain.

But contrast the freedom of the airman compared with that of the ship's captain. There in front of him lies an area of bad weather—head winds and clouds with thunder and lightning. It is that kind of thing that makes sailors' language what it is. But the airman does not need to go through it. "Round or over?" he asks himself and takes a look at the fuel gauge. Now, when it is important to arrive in England with as much fuel as possible, the decision is usually "over" up into

a favourable wind stream. Height is of no account, although at fourteen thousand feet and over a mixture of oxygen is essential; otherwise come "black-outs" and "a lovely dreamy feeling," some of them call it, "like the unreality of that extra five minutes after the morning call."

There is another reason to fly high. Up there the stars, for a peep at which the seaman often has to wait night after night, are unshrouded. The high air is cold and clear, but the heating system in the planes is so good that although it may be 50 below zero outside, only an extra pull-over is needed to make one comfortable in the ship.

Except for the one case in which a ferry pilot was compelled to turn back and make a forced landing in the Newfoundland

By
P. J. Philip

bush there has never been a single accident on the crossing. The service goes as regularly as any town-to-town passenger service and has almost become routine. "Three years ago ten thousand people would have turned out to see us arrive," said one with a grimace, "and now in England everybody is so used to our turning up to the exact minute that there is never any one to greet us except the landing port official—not even a man to carry your bag, everybody is so busy."

When the service began the responsible authorities thought it only right to ask for insurance rates on the pilots and crews. With grave concern the insurance companies figured out some astronomical risk charts which were too high for anybody to do business. Now the insurance companies can find no takers at any price.

"If you follow regulations, nothing can go wrong," these pilots boast; but nothing is left to chance. Every plane that leaves must carry complete equipment down to a rubber dinghy, emergency rations and a five-gallon water reserve. After they are flown to the Canadian delivery point they are checked and rechecked by their assigned crews.

The flight to Newfoundland is considered as a final warming-up check.

In Newfoundland a full load of fuel is taken aboard. That load gives a margin sufficient for at least another thousand miles beyond the distance from land to land and the aim of every pilot is to arrive in England with enough fuel to permit this American-built and delivered plane to go straight into action, if need be, over Berlin, with fuel brought from America.

The rules say that flight times must not be mentioned, but the pilots describe their flights as either one-sandwich or two-sandwich affairs. That gives a sufficient indication. It has been published that return planes—American-built ships used for ferrying back pilots and occasional special passengers who are quite content to sit on the floor—Prince Bernhard of Holland was one recently—make the trip from England to a terminus in Canada in fourteen hours. By the clock such a flight takes only eight hours, but because of time zone differences the actual flying time is six hours more.

These ferry pilots are not the youths who go into battle with Spitfires and Hurricanes. They are of the last war and the in-between wars generations. A few gray hairs are an asset rather than a disadvantage. The Americans are among the youngest, and even the youngest of them had many hours experience before they joined this elite corps of captains. They do not need to take any oath of allegiance. Most of the corps are "detached officers" from various armies. In the relatively short time since the service was organised their number has been so quickly built up that the complaint now is that trips come too infrequently. But they say the pay is "fine."

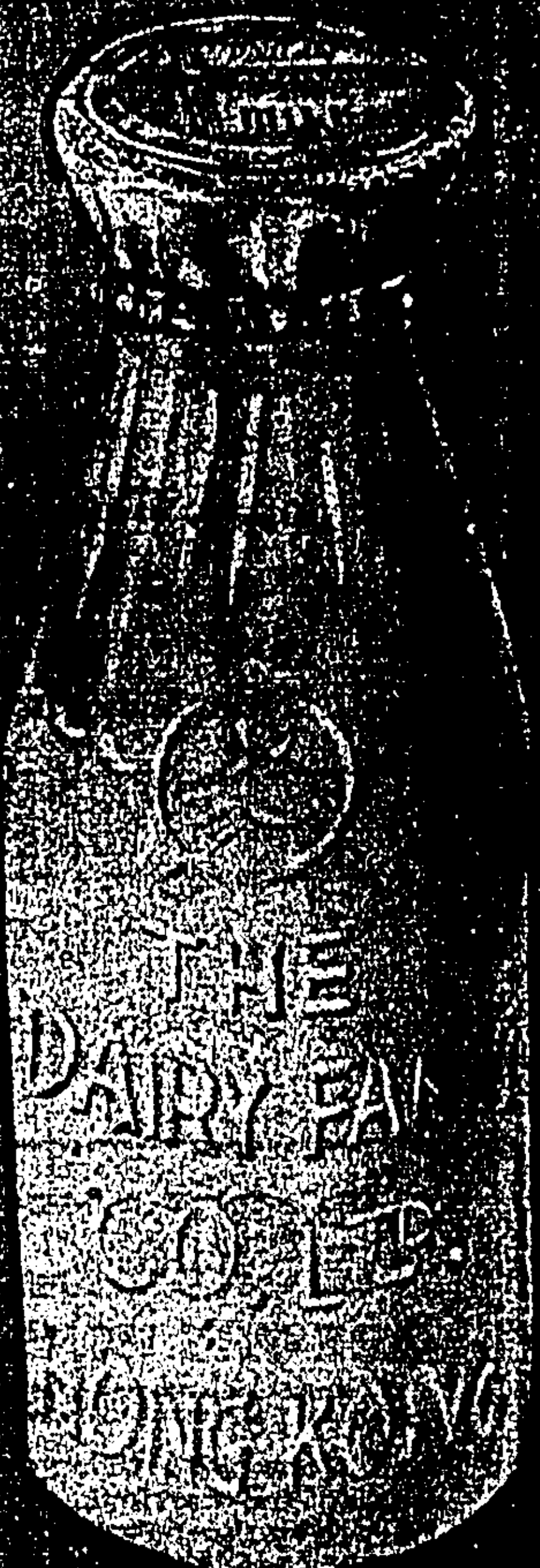
Some of the pilots did "ferry service" in England, delivering planes from factories to military fields, before they joined the Atlantic service. These men are always the most impatient when they are held up waiting for a plane to ferry across.

Like so many men who do amazing things efficiently, they are wistful men. All their stories are of others—of the sea captains and crews who plough the seas below them "in so much greater danger" and of the people in England.

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WAR IN STAGE OF TRANSITION: PERIL OF COMPLACENCY

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One feature of Mr. Attlee's speech, says "The Times," was the contrast between the peril of the British situation a year ago and the promise of the situation to-day, significant point being the growth in material and moral support from the United States, to all who are fighting for freedom.

"But," says "The Times," "there must be no change in the balance of public opinion about the war. The idea that the first substantial check to the German armies necessarily heralds the early collapse of those armies and of the Nazi regime, may be proof of our admirable resilience under past disappointments but it otherwise is rather disquieting."

"For it would be extremely foolish to think that a machine so forged, so furnished and so fed for so many years by a fierce philosophy will be easily broken, and it would be still more foolish to act upon such a thought."

Change in Balance

Referring to Mr. Eden's warning to Japan to keep her hands off Thailand and the request to the Iran Government to deal firmly with Axis tourists, "The Times" adds that these facts and this language fully justified Mr. Lees-Smith's Commons conclusion that there has been "a change in the balance of the war." The "Daily Telegraph," while agreeing with Mr. Attlee that "we have a right now to be cheerful," provided we maintain all the force of our efforts, says poetically: "STILL THE THUNDERING LINE OF BATTLE STANDS AND IN THE AIR DEATH MOANS AND RINGS." "We have still to fight 'for all we have and are,' and the day may come when the Fuehrer will cast the dice in a desperate throw for invasion of our island."

Rending Strain

Commenting that "our own greatest endeavours are required to make the war on two fronts, which Nazism has challenged, a rending strain for the Reich, the "Daily Telegraph" says there is no desire for spectacular adventures but the promise of every practical measure to aid "our Russian ally" will be heartily approved.

Remarking that Parliament rises in a better atmosphere than has been felt for some time, the "Daily Mail" says Mr. Eden and Mr. Attlee wisely stressed the grave dangers and difficulties "which still confront us." Commenting on Mr. Eden's speech about the Far East, the "Daily Mail" says: "Japan should understand now that when Britain is outspoken she means what she says."

Reign of Terror

It continues: "There is a growing realisation in the occupied territories that the German reign of almost unopposed terror is finished . . . now is the time when we should be striving to arouse and stimulate the rising opposition to the Germans and to depress the Germans themselves." Stating that the war is at present in a transitional stage, the "Yorkshire Post" says: "Germany will come out of this stage either very much weaker or much stronger."

Russia's Exertions

Asserting also that "while hoping most earnestly and anxiously for the best we must prepare for the worst," the "Yorkshire Post" adds that to win the war "we have to make ourselves not only impregnable in defence but armed and equipped — as we are by no means yet fully equipped — for a massive and decisive attack."

That the enemy is not yet weakening and retains immense strength is the view of the "Manchester Guardian," which says: "Cheerfulness may break in now but it is Russia's exertions that caused it. Our great offensive effort is still to come." — Reuter.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

IN AN UNFORESEEN WAY THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH LINK THE PEOPLES OF NORTH AMERICA WITH THOSE OF BRITAIN HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE CARE AND CONSIDERATION SHOWN TO THOSE ENGLISH CHILDREN WHO A YEAR AGO WERE REMOVED TO CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

All reports show there has been no diminution of the warm-hearted hospitality with which the children have been received into their new homes.

On the contrary their hosts and hostesses display increasing interest in the children, and many write regularly to parents on this side of the Atlantic, whom they have never seen, to tell of minor details of the lives their children are living.

One of these parents, in an article in the "Manchester Guardian" headed "Homes across the Sea," says: "There are bonds here that will not easily be severed."

The deep personal interest in their children, revealed in these letters from unknown correspondents passing in a constant stream across the Atlantic, has greatly affected English parents.

And as the writer in the "Manchester Guardian" says: "When we say thank you, the answer comes that 'This is the least we can do for you people who are holding the fort.'" — British Wireless.

WOMEN'S WORK IN WAR

In a broadcast message to British women the famous U.S. journalist, Miss Dorothy Thompson, said she would tell American women on her return about the women she seen at air stations doing accurately and brilliantly all the work that could be taken off the shoulders of men, women in the Army and Admiralty, and women in fire stations and A.R.P. — British Wireless.

THAIS BAN JAPANESE AIRCRAFT

It is reported in Saigon that Thailand has refused passage to a four-motored Japanese passenger seaplane from Saigon to Bangkok.

The plane was due to pick up the Thai delegates to the Boundary Commission who have not yet arrived. — Reuter.

Winter Weather High Up

Winter weather over the North Sea on Wednesday night made a rough passage for crews on the way to continue the Bomber Command's offensive against cities on the Upper Rhine, states the Air Ministry news service.

There were storms of snow and deep banks of cloud all the way to Germany. Ice was a constant danger. The crews could hear it crackling on the aircraft, threatening to jam the controls and make the engines fail.

Summer contributed nothing to the weather but thunderstorms. Lightning played round the bomber and sometimes struck.

But it was worth getting through the storms for the sake of clear intervals over the Rhineland and the damage that could be done when at last they were found.

There were still defences to face, the anti-aircraft barrage and many night fighters, but the crews pressed home the attack in spite of them and the weather.

There were many combats with enemy fighters.

A Junkers 88 was shot down in flames and a Messerschmitt 110 driven off and believed to be damaged.

On the whole the weather was better over Karlsruhe than Mannheim and Frankfurt. The moon was bright everywhere and the air clear when the clouds thinned and parted.

In all three towns there were many fires after the attack. — British Wireless.

AUSTRALIA'S POLICY

THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION WAS THE SUBJECT OF A CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER IN WASHINGTON, MR. R. C. CASEY, AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, YESTERDAY.

Mr. Casey declined to comment on Japan's southward expansion beyond saying: "Australia strongly believes that the place to defend Australia is as far away from Australia as possible." — Reuter.

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THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, 28th July to SATURDAY, 9th August (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1		Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4314.							
		West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2552, Chi Kiang Street, Shek Shan.					As per sale plan	About 4,720	\$98
									\$2,632

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2		New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2870.							
		Junction of Hing Wah Street and Shun Ning Street, Cheung Sha Wan.					As per sale plan	About 15,000	\$208
									\$9,000

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3		Sheung Shui Inland Lot No. 13.							
		Kam Tsin.					As per sale plan	About 80,880	\$272
									\$3,235

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♠ A Q J 10 9 2

♥ J 6

♦ A Q

♣ A 7 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Dbl.	2♠	Pass
3♠	Dbl.	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of hearts and continued the suit until South ruffed the third. South

then drew two rounds of trumps, ruffed dummy's last heart in his own hand, cashed the two top clubs, and threw West into the lead with the third round of clubs. West had only red cards left, so had a choice between leading up to the Ace-Queen of diamonds and leading a heart to give South a ruff-and-bluff. South therefore made his doubled contract.

Don't let the criminal slip out of your fingers now. If you can't spot both crime and criminal, read on.

West committed a crime, but he wasn't the real criminal. Of course, West should have played his high clubs on the first two rounds of clubs. Then East would have won the third round of clubs; and a diamond return by East would have set the contract.

But South was the real criminal for giving West this opportunity to defeat a contract which correct play would assure. After ruffing the third round of hearts, South should have led out all the trumps, discarding a club and a diamond from the dummy. West would have to discard a club to save the high heart and guarded diamond King. Then South could

cash the Ace and King of clubs and lead dummy's heart. West would have to win and return a diamond—and from this throw-in there could be no escape. So South was the real criminal; West was just a butcher!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held.

♠ 8 5 3
♥ A Q 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ 6 5

The bidding:

Schenck	You	Maler	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. This shows that you have passed a maximum holding. A strong bid may be necessary to reach game, for your partner may have reopened the bidding as much "on suspicion" as because of particularly strong cards.

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Question No. 789

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

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1♠	Pass	INT	2♠
Pass	(?)		

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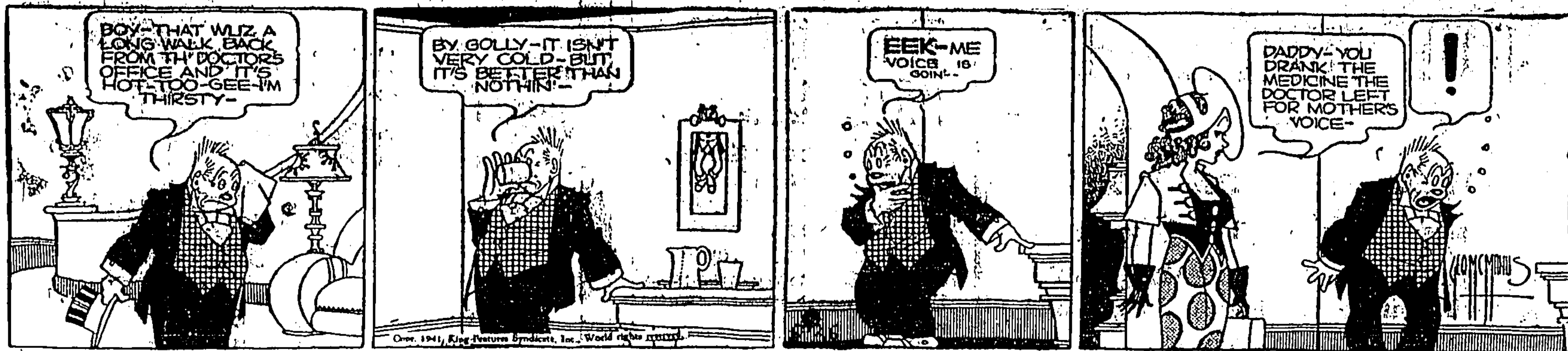


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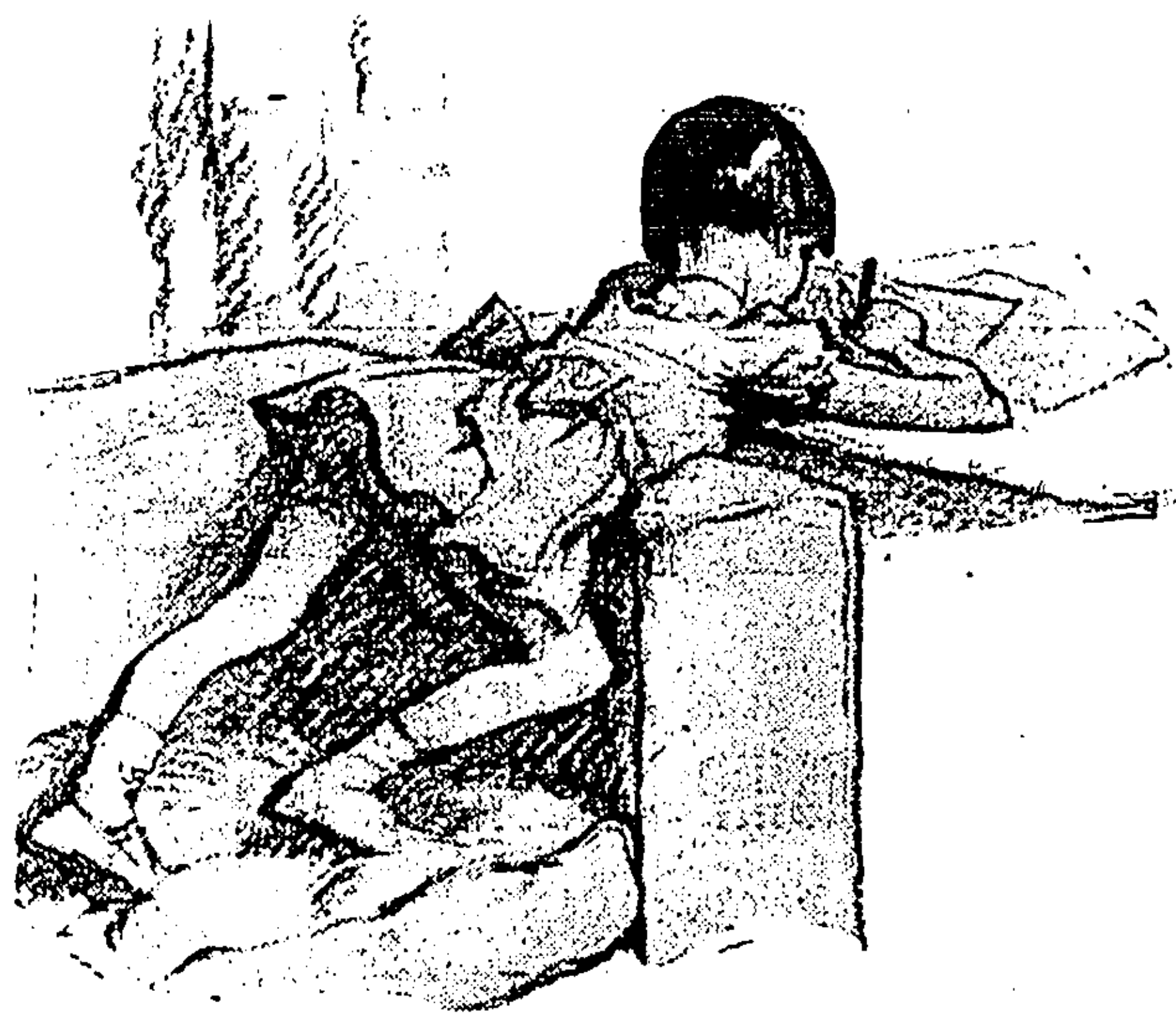


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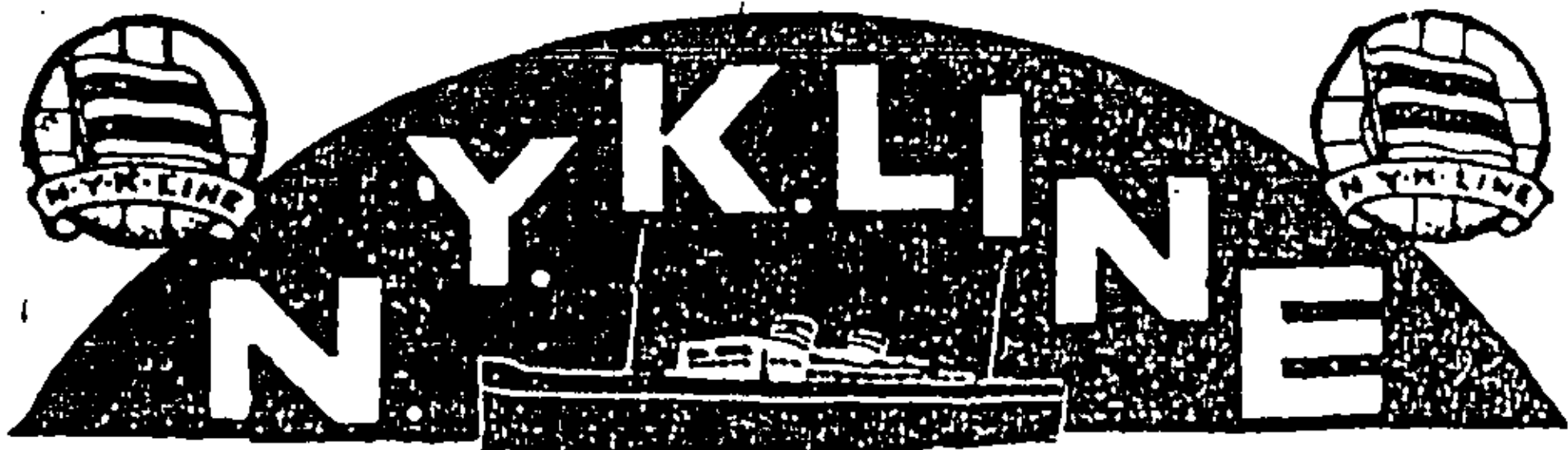
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As regards caterpillar vehicles, a Vichy official "bulletin" of February 15, 1941, reads: "German demands in this field reach the limit."

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COMMENTING ON WEDNESDAY'S GERMAN SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE THE SWISS PAPER "NEUE ZUERCHER NACHRICHTEN" WRITES:

"If the figures given correspond to the truth it appears doubly miraculous that the Red Army is fighting just the same without a sign of exhaustion, and is even hitting back."

The Berlin correspondent of the "Gazette de Lausanne" writes: "It is natural that the special communique should raise public morale after these long weeks of silence but for our part we have not observed any new fact in these military statements which, however, officially confirmed the Russian Army's importance and power of resistance, which nobody dared predict." — Reuter.

**14-YEAR-OLD SENT
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For snatching a purse from a Chinese woman in Dundas Street yesterday, a 14-year-old Chinese lad was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Mr. H. C. Macnamara.

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CRAIGENGOWER IN PRECARIOUS POSITION UNTIL THE RAIN CAME

By "Skip"

LAWN BOWLERS WERE ABLE TO BENEFIT LAST SATURDAY BY THE INCREASED DAYLIGHT WE NOW ENJOY, AS A HEAVY STORM CAUSED A DELAY OF SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH THE RESULT THAT SEVERAL GAMES DID NOT FINISH UNTIL 7.30 OR SO.

Admittedly it was just possible on rare occasions to play to that time under the old conditions, but the uncertainty of a finish would have been too great and all games, instead of only two, would have been abandoned.

THE game between Club de Recreio "B" and Craigengower at King's Park very nearly ended in a sensational win for the Portuguese team, and there is some justification for the thought that the rain saved the Valley team, who adapted themselves more readily to the sudden green.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" made a very poor showing against the Portuguese "A" team on the adjoining rinks, only Hall's rink winning.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" managed to vacate the bottom place in the League in favour of Civil Servants, their victims, whilst Kowloon Cricket Club rather surprisingly defeated Police at Cox's Road and Kowloon Dock just got the better of Indians.

Police Third Division Challenge

IN Second Division Takoo had a narrow lead on Club de Recreio when play stopped play. Corney Pereira having a useful lead on Jimmy Chalmers, with his brother down by the same margin to Willie Melrose.

Hong Kong Cricket Club could make no impression on Hong Kong Football Club at the Valley, and Kowloon Football Club justified my forecast that they would be in the money by securing a sweep-winning margin over Kowloon Cricket Club. But the best result in this division was achieved by Kowloon Tong, who journeyed to Stanley peninsula and came back with the majority of the points, J. L. Stephens and W. J. Bagley featuring in records, the former a favourable one.

In the junior section Kowloon Bowling Green Club made their position at the head of the table a little more secure by a 4/1 win against Club de Recreio. I say a little more secure as they are by no means safe, with Police as their real danger. Hong Kong Electric, with a weak team out did remarkably well to lose by only 9 to Craigengower, who looked very strong on paper, especially their skips.

Vas Fully Extends Razack

I HAVE indicated the closeness of the scores when the rain caused that delay in the game at King's Park. I will be quite honest and admit that I do not know exactly when the break came, but it would be about the 15th head, I surmise, by my own experience not very far away. At that stage Omar was three up, Razack was the same and Bradbury a couple to the bad. After the rain John Basso actually took the lead against Omar, but could not hold it, meanwhile Charlie Rossetti was virtually blanking Tony Gutierrez and Bradbury had the better of Eddie Sousa by four shots. Razack was again in good form for Rossetti, but Charlie Vas gave him a good run for his money. Joe Landolt was too strong for Dr. Rodriguez, which left the Portuguese skip with rather more than he could handle.

Derios Alves was right on his game as lead against A. M. Omar and had an edge on him, but "K. M." made up the lead. The thirds, Henry Basso and Dick Basso, were not good but both skips played well. John Basso, frequently in an adverse position, saving a number. Eddie Sousa and B. W. Bradbury had a weighty and lengthy duel which finished well after



H. A. Alves, 100 per cent. Recreio "A" skip, sends down a wood. Alves used to play a good game of cricket but has not taken part in this form of sport for some time now. He was very keenly interested in racing.

8 o'clock. The scores were very close until the visiting skip, four down at the 16th, scored 11 in four heads to win by 4. Sousa securing a good count of 3 at the last head.

K.B.G.C. Out-Bowled By Champions

ON the other half of the green, the Austin Road team were putting up a very poor show against the home-owners, whom they narrowly beat in the first encounter. Dick Alves had a big win against Adam Holland, who can rarely have played so badly. True, his front men were giving him inadequate support, but that gave him further opportunity to shine. Neither he nor Alec Hyde-Lay did. Spuggy Silva was again in fine form as Dick's lead and beat Willie Walker. The home team began with a nap hand and another at the eighth gave them a lead of 20-3, which they sustained.

Change the names, and you have the same story about the Duncan v Ribeiro game. In fact, the Portuguese led by the identical score at one stage. McKelvie saved some shots but the rest of the rink were quite out-bowled. Charlie Roza-Pereira shone in the home four, just as Bert White did in Alf Hall's team against Raoul Luz. In fact it was Hall and White who carried the day for the K.B.G.C. rink. F. X. Soares easily beat W. McNeill, whilst Leo Silva was not up to his old standard at second man. "Chico" Ribeiro out-bowled George Sheriff, who seems to have lost confidence since his return to the game.

Willie Cameron Plays Marvellous Game

IN the absence of Mair, Ted Post took over a rink again, but he lost pretty badly to Teddy Fincher at Cox's Road. His lead, Charlie Gough, was useful and held Arthur Perry, but Reggie Broadbridge, though perhaps not quite so consistent, was more brilliant than Chris Pile. W. Mulcahy was patchy, but Teddy Fincher was good throughout the game.

It was anybody's game when Tommy Madar met Jim Shepherd, but the former had the best of a very low-scoring game by a brace of shots, chalking up 3 in the last couple of ends.

Norman Bobbington's four only just managed to tie with John Fender, some brilliant work in the last few heads doing the trick.

At the 20th head, for instance, the visitors lay the shot—possibly 3—when "Bobb" went down to play. The kitty was visible through a narrow port, but it needed only a pound-on shot to achieve his result. With his first wood he moved the Jack, which rebounded off one of his own woods to leave the Police four with the shot, his wood running on. But with his second one he made the same narrow port and carried the objective back to his own wood and another of the side's to score three. The two shots were perfect.

Fender might have saved half a point if he had gone for it, but he did not put his whole heart into either of his woods.

Willie Cameron, back to the fold, played a marvellous game—there is no other word for it—as lead to Post.



E. G. Post, Police skip, about to send down a wood with his opposite, Teddy Fincher, of K.C.C., looking on. K.C.C. won by 4½ points to ½, and Fincher beat Post 24-11.

STEPHENS' RINK STRIKE BEST FORM TO WIN 36-4

By "Skip"

Up on two rinks—some consolation — Prison Officers no doubt felt themselves a trifle unlucky to lose to Kowloon Tong, but when one considers the overwhelming defeat which Walter Bagley's rink sustained at the hands of the rink skipped by J. L. Stephens, the neutral observer must admit that they deserved to lose.

Thirty-six to four—all singles—tells its own tale, a tale of high class bowling against a rink which was not only having no joss but not bowling well enough to deserve any.

Norman Mackay, T. K. Lim and Jimmy Wong gave Stephens all the help he needed.

J. McCutcheon after a couple of losses to Costello came back to winning form against Jimmy Kew, one of the leading skips in this division.

Alfred Spary had a lead of half a dozen on Gowland but, aided and abetted by his front men, of whom

both woods being "sitters" nearly every head.

Ebbage And Sykes In Even Struggle

IN the game at Austin Road Arthur Rakusen was the only successful Civil Service skip. P. A. Peckham being his victim. Neither the leads nor second men excelled, and the game developed into a battle, amongst the second half of the rink. Here Vic Ebbage and Len Sykes had a great struggle with honours even. The latter was frequently able to add a shot, his opponent having to save. He did this with regularity, whilst Rakusen, having to play a similar game on account of Peckham's ability to draw, was nearly always there when required. He drew a couple right on the Jack at the very last head when the home team had had visions of the count of six which they needed to tie.

Percy Holloway played a good game as lead to Lockhart, who played well himself to beat Harry Strange, quite the best man on his side. Burling having a poor day. "Brun" Simmonds—despite all reports to the contrary—turned out as lead in McGowan's rink, but he met his master in Bicknell, who was very consistent throughout.

Jack Deakin began very well for the visitors but went off his game just when Elliot Purvis, third man, came along. But the combination was not strong enough for Meyer's four, apart from the kind way the woods ran for the latter—and also the benevolent way in which McGowan presented shots to his opponent. Atkins was steady, whilst Gill and Meyer both played well.

Cullen's Judgment Was Right

THE finish at Hung Hom was very exciting as the Indians needed four to tie at the last head, which Cullen was contesting against Minu. They made an epic attempt to save a point at least and were counting three—and a measure for four for a tie—when Cullen had his last wood to play.

He went down to the head and scanned it, and deciding that the Docks had it, went back to the mat and threw his wood away. It was a near thing, but his judgment was right and the Dock team thereby got four of the five points.

Cullen's rink went down badly to Minu, whose men were all in good form, especially the lead and skip. Young Bob Lapsley was once more in fine form as lead to Ferguson and he may be said to have laid the foundation for the latter's 9-shot victory over Abbas, though Tommy Coleman also played well—with a tough customer in A. M. Rumjahn to counter.

Alco Calman's four played a steady drawing game against Dallah and had their reward. Charlie Thom was holding Jeff Hosen, but A. K. Ismail had little opposition from Colin Logan. Calman built his heads well to obviate the risk of any big counts, a result of Cullen's judgment.

Other Bowls Will Be Found On Page 14

Sam Hodge was prominent, the home skip blanked his adversary for 10 heads — on the unlucky number — and he finished up the winner.

H.K.C.C. Fail To Settle Down

HONG Kong Football Club were always sitting pretty against Hong Kong Cricket Club, who never settled down on a green which I am told is rather trickier this year. Ken Robertson having the major share of a money-earning win of 38 shots. From Jack Shaw downwards they were bettering their men, though A. W. Brown played a plucky game as skip, for he was always up against it.

George Costello was putting up a better fight against "Pop" Gill until three-quarters of the way through, when the latter pled them on to win by over a dozen.

It looked as if Frank Goodwin was going to beat Willie Macfarlane when rain stopped play, showing him with a lead of 4, but the home men then adapted themselves to the soggy conditions more readily and chalked up 10 in the remaining 4 heads to win by— you work it out!

Tony Lapsley In Great Form

THE other game in this section resulted in a huge win for Kowloon Football Club against Kowloon Cricket Club which, in view of the last mentioned game, seems to indicate paradoxically that footballers are better bowlers than cricketers are!

Younghusband was all over Bob Meadows, every one of his men finding form. Tony Lapsley, like his brother, played a truly remarkable game for one so young.

Bill Field had the next best result, being 20 up on Jimmy Jack who, although he played a few good shots, never had a chance.

Polly Jack did well to hold Ernie Kern for half the game, but the home team gradually wore down the opposition to win by about half-a-dozen shots.

BOWLS SWEEP IS CARRIED FORWARD

THIS WEEK'S LAWN BOWLS SWEEP HAS BEEN CARRIED FORWARD AND WILL BE DRAWN FOR NEXT FRIDAY.

THE WEEK'S RESPONSE WAS NOT AS GOOD AS USUAL, PROBABLY DUE TO VOLUNTEER DUTIES, LESS MEMBERS ATTENDING THE CLUBS DURING THE WEEK.

IT IS HOPED THAT NEXT WEEK'S POOL WILL DOUBLE THOSE IN PREVIOUS WEEKS.

The annual general meeting of Hong Kong Football Club has been postponed to next Friday.

ELECTRIC DESERVE PRAISE

By "Skip"

HONG KONG ELECTRIC HAD TO FIELD SEVERAL NEW MEN IN ORDER TO MAKE UP A TEAM, AND THEY ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR BEING ABLE TO DO SO—THEIR BOWLS CONVENER MUST HAVE A THANKLESS JOB.

Dan Gardner, after a losing debut the previous Saturday, won his first match, beating Coelho quite comfortably. Thanks to a count of 6 on the second head, he was never in any trouble. Willie Macfarlane, a chip of the old block, showed promising form in his first game as three.

Reg Butler was only a singleton down to such a useful skip as Medina, but Jim Lunny could do little against Dr. Karanjia after the ninth head, after which he scored only a single shot, though he kept the Medico's score down to reasonable proportions.

Rain Proves Help To Winners

KOWLOON Bowling Green Club had some pretty anxious times against Club de Recreio, but here again the rain helped the winners. Jordan, for instance, scoring a couple of nap hands just after the resumption. He played very well throughout, one really spectacular shot carrying the Jack from three of the enemy's wood to score four. Sid Walker was his best player and he had to steam some to undo the excellent leading work of F. P. Sequeira.

Hughie Nish beat Yvanovich by 9, but here again it was the last 4 heads which made nearly all the difference. "Ala" Alarcon began badly against Wallis, but he stuck to his task well and was rewarded by a three shots win.

Dramatic Win By Ogden

AT Sookunpoo Bob Ogden had a dramatic nap hand at the last head to beat Wahab by a singleton after being down by no less than 20-4 as late as the 14th head.

This must be one of the most sensational recoveries on record and included another 5 as well as a count of 4.

A. G. Sufiad won his second game in succession and was good value for it against such an old bowler as Dowman, former Police and Kowloon Football Club first team player, but S. M. Rumjahn and Tommy Ferguson had a ding dong battle before the former emerged victorious.

FOOTBALL REFEREES' CLASSES

At a joint meeting of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association and Army Football Referees' Association, at which Lieut. L. G. Crossby and Mr. J. F. da Silva were elected chairman and hon. secretary respectively, it was agreed that an educational class be started for the benefit of civilian and Services aspirants to Referees' Certificates.

The classes will most likely be held at Army Recreation Hut known as Scandal Point Hall at China Command Headquarters, commencing on Monday, August 18, at 7 p.m., continued on Thursdays and on all subsequent Mondays and Thursdays for a course of eight lectures which will be concluded with an examination.

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Following a meeting on August 7 of English, Scottish and Services Football Associations, called to facilitate fixture making and prevent over-lapping dates, a number of representative matches were arranged. There is a possibility of two big games a month being played on the programme is expected to include an international journey between England, Scotland and Wales and representative games between the Services and national associations.

LEAGUE BOWLS CHANGES FOR TO-MORROW'S GAMES

BASEBALL FIXTURES CANCELLED

In view of the fact that the Asheville-Tulsa team have played only two games so far in the Baseball League, which must be concluded this month, all their unplayed matches will be cancelled.

TO-DAY'S PAIRS GAMES

Following is to-day's programme in the Third Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship:

AT RECREIO
L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro v. C. E. Marques and J. E. Noronha
T. Coleman and P. Youngusband v. A. J. Kew and Y. S. Tang

AT KOWLOON F.C.
J. Williamson and C. S. M. Thom v. G. Willerton and G. Davies
E. Levett and H. Spong v. A. B. Coleman and W. Gill

AT KOWLOON B.G.C.
J. M. Jack and A. E. Perry v. W. B. Harris and A. Soutar

AT CRAIGENGOWER
S. Eccleshall and J. Shepherd v. G. E. Thompson and E. V. Searle
W. Burling and M. N. Rakusen v. N. J. Bebbington and J. F. MacGowan
AT CIVIL SERVICE
S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar v. W. McLeod and W. S. Dall

The Second Round match between Steven and Selby and Willerton and Davies was not played the former pair conceding a walk-over as Steven is not quite fit at the moment.

BASKETBALL FIXTURES

Following is to-night's basketball programme at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.:—
Trojans v. Residents' Union (7.30 p.m.)
Chinese "Y" v. Youth (8.30 p.m.)

Dr. V. N. Atienza, Kowloon Football Club lawn bowler, is leaving soon on a short vacation.

The 2nd Leg of the Shanghai yachting Challenge Cup (for small yachts), was sailed for last Sunday under ideal conditions, with a steady easterly breeze, and was won in a close finish by K. F. Piper in "Sun Lee", who completed the course in just under 1½ hours, a few seconds ahead of "Dorothy", all other yachts finishing within 5 minutes of these two.

Members of Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association held their annual swimming gala at Victoria Recreation Club pool yesterday, when Central Boys' Club emerged champions, followed closely by Y.M.C.A. Club and Sai Ying Fui Club. After community singing in the main hall, Mrs. F. B. Minnick presented the prizes.

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CRAIGENGOWER CHANGE SKIPS IN SECOND DIVISION

By "Skip"

WHILE CRAIGENGOWER ARE MAKING NO CHANGES IN THEIR FIRST DIVISION TEAM FOR TO-MORROW, A GREAT MANY HAVE BEEN EFFECTED IN THE SECOND DIVISION TEAM FROM THAT WHICH LOST TO K.F.C. ON JULY 26 (THEY WERE RESTING LAST WEEK).

Karanjia, Way and Randall, skips on July 26, will not be figuring in those positions this week. Karanjia returns to Third Division, Way will not be playing and Randall takes over one of the No. 3 positions.

This week's rinks, as compared with those that played on July 26, given in brackets, are as follows:—

LI SHU-WING, Xavier, Randall and Medina (Leonard, Lam, Zimmern, Karanjia); Broadbridge, Pavri, Lamert and Ward (Broadbridge, Pavri, Baptista, Way); Solina, Curd, Baptista and Franks (Solina, Lammert, Ladd, Randall).

In Third Division, Rosario, who was No. 3 to Medina last week, will have a rink comprising Leonard, Pavri and Ladd, the last-named being the only newcomer to this quartette. Two changes, in the middle positions, are noted in Coelho's four, Modi and N. Leonard coming in as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in the places of Alves and Franks.

Karanjia's rink is the same, excepting that Alves will be No. 2 in place of Modi.

K.B.G.C. Changes

KOWLOON Bowling Green Club are making only two changes in their three teams for this week. In their First Division "A" team Guy plays No. 3 to Hall instead of Sherriff, while in the First Division "B" team Turpin will be lead to Peckham in place of Hodder. No changes have been made in the Third Division team.

Hyde At No. 3

KOWLOON Football Club are making only one change in their Second Division team from that which beat Kowloon Cricket Club last week, this being in Youngusband's rink, Hyde coming in as No. 3 in place of Atienza. In Third Division, however, a number of changes are noted. Ogden retains the same four, but Downman, who led Thomson, Williams and Mezger last week, will have a new rink in Frost, Williams and Abbas. Ferguson, who led Thomson, Abbas and Fuller last Saturday, is not playing this week. The third rink will comprise Dobson, A. Thomson, Gibson and Fuller.

INDIAN Recreation Club are using two of their Third Division players for their senior game against Civil Service, on the latter's green, as they are resting in Third Division and the changes, therefore, will not affect the latter.

Abbas' rink will be the same as that for last week, and the same applies to Minu's four, but Dallah will have S. M. Rumjahn, Third Division skip, and U. A. Rumjahn, usually No. 3 in one of the Third Division rinks, as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in the places of A. K. Ismail and A. Bakar.

Deakin Skipping

CIVIL SERVICE Cricket Club are making a few changes.

McKay takes the place of Harper as lead to Rakusen, while Crawley, lead to Strange last week, goes to Deakin's rink as No. 2. It is to be noted that Deakin was No. 2 to McGowan last week, but has taken over the four this time. McGowan going as No. 3 to Strange vice Burling. Crawley's place in this rink will be taken by Gellatly.

No. 3's Switched

KOWLOON Tong are making a few changes in their Second Division team for their match against Hong Kong Football Club, the only rink remaining intact being Stephens' four. In Kew's rink H. A. Castro comes in as lead in place of Tang, who goes to Spary's four as No. 2 in place of Phoon, while Howard and A. E. Castro, No. 3's for Kew and Spary respectively last week, switch places.

FOR their match against H.K.C.C. Talkoo are making only one change in the team which represented them last week, when their game with Recreo had to be abandoned because of rain. Cunningham will be lead to Chalmers instead of Nimmo.

Following are the selected teams:

CRAIGENGOWER

First Division (v Kowloon B.G.C. "A", home):—J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (skip); A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (skip); A. A. Razaek, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rossetti (skip).

Second Division (v Kowloon C.C., home):—Li Shu-wing, J. H. Xavier, H. W. Randall and M. J. Medina (skip); S. R. Solina, W. J. Curd, M. A. Baptista and E. S. Franks (skip); W. E. Broadbridge, J. K. Pavri, L. E. Lammert and W. Ward (skip).

Third Division (v Hong Kong C.C., away):—S. Leonard, R. K. Pavri, G. S. Ladd and D. A. Rozario (skip); F. X. Delgado, A. E. S. Alves, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (skip); L. M. Roza, F. K. Modi, N. Leonard and A. J. Coelho (skip).

KOWLOON F.C.
Second Division (v Club de Recreo, away):—B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden and W. V. Field (skip); A. Lapsley, W. C. Ogley, W. Hyde and P. Youngusband (skip); W. Naef, A. E. Eastman, W. C. Simpson and E. Kern (skip).

Third Division (v Club de Recreo, home):—G. E. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. Macintyre and R. M. Ogden (skip); G. Frost, B. Williams, Y. Abbas and C. Downman (skip); J. Dobson, A. Thomson, J. Gibson and C. H. Fuller (skip).

KOWLOON B.G.C.
First Division "A" (v Craigengower C.C., away):—W. L. Walker, G. W. Denon, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip); W. McNeill, H. White, L. Guy and A. J. Hall (skip); R. P. Phillips, E. Levett, J. McKelvie and R. Duncan (skip).

First Division "B" (v Club de Recreo, "A", away):—C. E. Turpin, V. C. Dixon, L. Sykes and P. Peckham (skip); H. Bicknell, E. A. Atkins, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (skip); P. Holloway, G. W. Elphick, H. E. Drew and H. L. Lockhart (skip).

Third Division (v Electric R.C., home):—J. A. Fraser, A. J. Rogers, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (skip); W. M. Wilson, J. S. Dineen, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip); J. Hurst, S. C. Walker, C. E. Lapsley and L. A. Jordan (skip).

INDIAN R.C.
First Division (v Civil Service C.C., away):—A. K. Sufiad, M. B. Hassan, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (skip); J. Hoosen, S. M. Rumjahn, U. A. Rumjahn and A. R. Dallah (skip); D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu (skip).

CIVIL SERVICE

First Division (v Indian R.C., home):—J. Gellatly, W. H. E. Colledge, J. F. McGowan and H. E. Strange (skip); H. McKay, M. Scott, V. S. Ebbage and

NEW ROYALS' FORWARD

Royal Spots, who have lost two of last season's Rugby players in Captains Douglas and Duke, will probably be fielding a number of newcomers this season, and the inclusion of Capt. W. R. T. Rose, one of the new arrivals, is expected to add punch to their pack.

Capt. Rose, who has signed his intention of turning out regularly this season, is described as a clever and experienced product of Fettes College.

TARLETON RAISES ISSUE

The colour ban which prevents certain boxers from competing for British titles, though allowed to contest in Empire Championships—Tommy Martin in the heavy-weight division is at present appealing for the raising of the ban—comes to mind with the statement of Nel Tarleton, holder of the British and Empire feather-weight championships. He says that the ban should be lifted, and if the Board of Control do so he is prepared to stake his titles against Kid Tanner, British Guiana champion, who has resided in England for the past three years.—Reuter.

One-Sided Game

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club J. V. Ramsay and R. Morrison beat C. Vas and J. C. Remedios by 29-9, the winners scoring at 14 ends.

The winners were much too good as their card would indicate, and the fact that both Ramsay and his skip were bowling well added to Remedios' plight, for not only was his partner not playing up to form, but he himself was found wanting on occasions.

There were no big counts in this game, a couple of 4's by the winners being the highest, but it was their consistently steady bowling that wore down any opposition that Remedios and his partner had to offer in the early stages of the game. Scores were:—
R.M.: 10 4 0 3 3 1 0 1 0 2 4 0 1 2 2
0 3 0 1 1 = 29
J.C.R.: 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0
1 0 2 0 0 = 9

A Flying Start

At Kowloon Bowling Green, W. Cameron and E. G. Post beat C. C. Pereira and F. X. M. Silva 29-19 after scoring at 14 ends.

The match started off with a bang. Post scoring a 4 at the first and Silva replying with a 6! After that, however, the Portuguese pair did not continue in the same brilliant manner and it was left to Post and his partner to slowly but surely forge ahead until, leading 24-19 at the 17th, they finished off with 1 2 1 1 to blank their opponents for the last 4 ends. Scores were:—
E.G.P.: 4 0 1 4 0 2 1 3 0 0 2 2 3 0 2
0 1 2 1 1 = 29
F.X.S.: 0 6 0 0 3 0 0 0 2 1 3 0 0 0 3 0
1 0 0 0 0 = 19

"Intra-Club" Game

In an "intra-club" affair at Kowloon Cricket Club H. R. Pinna and B. Basto beat C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares by 31-12.

The losers conceded two singles in a row and then replied with 4 and 2. Thereafter, however, Basto scored 3 3 2 2 3 1 to lead 15-6 at the 10th, and Soares was never able to recover from this, conceding a 6 and two 3's at the remaining ends. The winners scored at 14 ends, with the scores as follows:—
B.B.: 1 1 0 3 3 2 2 3 1 0 1 0 1 1 3
0 0 6 0 3 = 31
F.X.S.: 0 0 4 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0
2 1 0 1 0 = 12

Very Good Game

The game between D. A. Rozario and J. S. Landolt (Craigengower) and P. A. Peckham and W. McNeill (Kowloon Bowling Green) at Police R.C. was always interesting in that the latter put up a very good fight despite the fact that they were fighting an uphill battle.

Opening with a three the Craigengower pair conceded 2 1 1 1 before running away again with 1 1 0 2 3 7 6 at the 9th. Then another run of 4 0 3 2 0 2 0 2 put them 24-14 ahead, but Peckham scored a 2 at the penultimate end, and chalked up a similar score at the last to lose by two after a very good game. Scores were:—
J.S.L.: 3 0 0 0 1 1 0 2 0 0 4 0 3 2
0 2 0 3 0 0 = 20
W.M.N.: 0 2 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 2 0 0
2 0 2 0 2 = 18

18 Scoring Ends

At Police R.C. the Omar brothers were far too good for Gowland and McCutcheon, and scored at 18 ends to total 38 against their opponents' 3, all of which were from singles.

In a one-sided game like this, comment is superfluous, the scores alone serving as sufficient indication regarding the run of play. They were as follows:—
U.M.O.: 1 0 4 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 0 2 2 2 0
2 2 1 3 4 6 = 38
J.M.C.: 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1
0 0 0 0 0 = 3
(Continued in next Column)

M. N. Rakusen (skip) E. W. C. Simmons, P. D. Grayley, M. E. Furler and J. W. Deakin (skip).

KOWLOON TONG
Second Division (v Hong Kong F.C., home):—B. A. Castro, A. Madar, W. J. Howard and A. J. Kerr (skip); N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Yuen, J. N. Wong and J. E. Stephens (skip); H. Gittins, J. Tang, A. E. Castro and A. Spary (skip); Reserve: M. B. Phoon.

TAIKOO
Second Division (v Hong Kong C.C., home):—W. C. McKie, J. C. Polson, R. Main and W. Melrose (skip); W. Cunningham, E. Thompson, E. Hulton and J. C. Chalmers (skip); L. A. Gibson, D. Coull, O. Boydair and J. A. Walton (skip); Reserve: A. MacArthur.



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S. C. A. A. TENNIS "DOUBLE"

South China A. A. scored a tennis "double" yesterday when they won their postponed Third Division match against Recreio, and also took the points in their Fourth Division fixture with P. O. R. C. (1).

As a result they have consolidated their chances of carrying off honours in both divisions, scoring maximum points so far in both sections. It is interesting to note that in both divisions they are the only teams with 100 per cent. records.

The Fourth Division game between Craigengower Cricket Club and Kowloon Indians Tennis Club which was to have been decided yesterday was postponed owing to Volunteer duties.

THIRD DIVISION

South China Up

At King's Park yesterday, South China Athletic Association beat Club de Recreio by 7½ sets to 1½, the scores being:—

F. J. Remedios and J. Fonseca (Recreio) drew with K. H. Ip and S. Y. Li 6-6
drew with J. Hsu and H. C. Kwok 6-6
lost to K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong 3-6
H. A. Noronha and R. A. Marques (Recreio) lost to Ip and Li 4-6
lost to Hsu and Kwok 5-7
drew with Chan and Wong 6-6
P. A. Yvanovich and A. E. Noronha (Recreio) lost to Ip and Li 0-6
lost to Hsu and Kwok 2-6
lost to Chan and Wong 1-6

Table To Date

THIRD DIVISION

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	8	8	0	0	55	17	16	
A.T.C.	6	5	1	0	40	13	10	
C.R.C. (2)	7	5	2	0	43	20	10	
C.C.C.	5	4	1	0	39	18	8	
C.D.R.	6	4	2	0	32	21	8	
K.I.T.C.	5	3	2	0	28	19	6	
K.C.C.	6	2	4	0	16	38	4	
C.R.C. (1)	3	1	2	0	12	14	2	
H.T.G.C.A.	5	1	4	0	10	34	2	
H.K.U.T.C.	7	1	6	0	20	42	2	
I.R.C.	7	0	7	0	13	50	0	

FOURTH DIVISION

South China Win

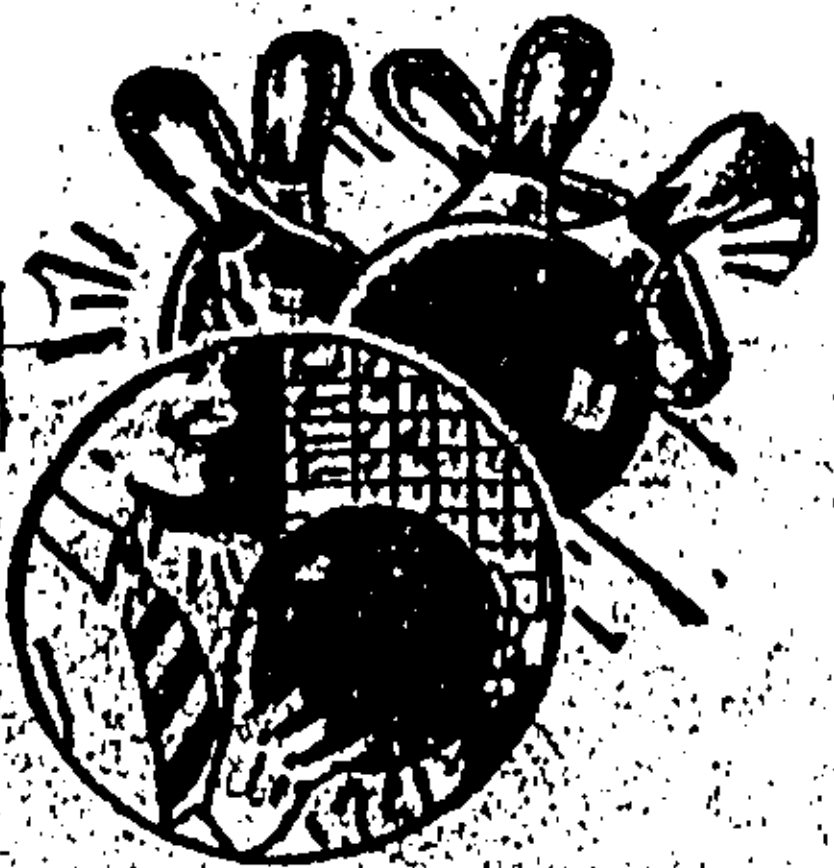
Post Office Recreation Club (1) lost to South China Athletic Association by 3 sets to 6 at Caroline Hill, the scores being:—

J. Howlett and W. G. Morrison (P.O.R.C.) beat K. C. Wong and K. C. Siet 6-4
beat Y. K. Ng and P. Y. Kwok 7-5
beat S. S. Yau and T. H. Wong 6-0
D. Fitches and Y. S. Fung (P.O.R.C.) lost to Wong and Siet 2-6
lost to Ng and Kwok 1-6
lost to Yau and Wong 4-6
S. S. Chim and C. I. Chan (P.O.R.C.) lost to Wong and Siet 0-6
lost to Ng and Kwok 3-6
lost to Yau and Wong 3-6

Points For F.C.

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Filipino Club by 3 sets to 6, scores being:—

A. R. Poliak and M. Talan (J.R.C.) lost to B. Poon and P. Poon 4-6
drew with T. Koo and J. Man 6-6
lost to K. K. Yip and L. F. da Souza 2-6
B. Godkin and S. Rambler (J.R.C.) drew with Poon and Poon 6-6
beat Koo and Man 6-2
beat Yip and Souza 6-4



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Two of the teams taking part in the water-polo tournament being run by 2nd M.F.B. Flotilla and H.M.S. Redstart, which commenced on Wednesday in the European Y.M.C.A. pool. The team in the photograph at left, which won by three clear goals, comprised Lt. Comdr. G. H. Gandy, Carr, Downey, Foster, Bartlett, Dyer and Carlston, while the losers, above, were Sub-Lt. Bush, Mitchell, Innis Thorpe, Cook, Blawie and Hughleson. The use of "Mae Wests" is a condition of the tournament, handicapping experienced swimmers and aiding the beginners. (Mayfair Studio).

GROOMING OF NEW PONIES TO COMMENCE SHORTLY

THERE'S NO NEWS FROM THE STABLES APART FROM THE FACT THAT THE SECOND BATCH OF AUSTRALIAN PONIES ARRIVED HERE LAST WEEK.

P.T. CLASSES AT 'VARSITY' START AUG. 15

ALTHOUGH THE NEW TERM AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY DOES NOT START TILL NEXT MONTH, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PHYSICAL CULTURE AND GYMNASIUM CLASSES, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR. LEE KIM-KUM, WILL COMMENCE AT THE EU TONG-SEN GYMNASIUM ON AUGUST 15.

Mr. Lee, who was appointed physical instructor at the University some time ago, said he was very gratified at the interest taken by both men and women undergraduates.

Last year, Mr. Lee said, over 100 registered for the classes, which were held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and there was never a smaller attendance than 60 to 70 at each class.

Asked if he had any idea how many would register for the new term, Mr. Lee replied that indications were that last year's numbers would at least be maintained, and if things turned out as he hoped a physical culture and gymnastic display would be given by his pupils at the end of the year.

H. Taihot and A. Odell (J.R.C.) lost to Poon and Poon 1-6
lost to Koo and Man 1-6
lost to Yip and Souza 0-6

Chinese Beat I.R.C.

At Spokunpoo, Chinese Recreation Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 6½ sets to 2½, scores being:—

M. H. Hassan and M. K. Sing (I.R.C.) lost to K. C. Lai and V. C. Choy 1-6
beat C. N. Tsang and T. F. Chiu 6-2
beat K. N. Wong and Y. Chan 6-2
M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razack (I.R.C.) lost to Lai and Choy 0-6
lost to Tsang and Chiu 4-6
drew with Wong and Chan 6-6
A. J. Sumad and A. R. H. Eamail (I.R.C.) lost to Lai and Choy 1-6
lost to Tsang and Chiu 2-6
lost to Wong and Chan 4-6

Table To Date

FOURTH DIVISION

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	9	9	0	0	66	14	18	
C.C.C.	8	7	1	0	55	10	14	
C.R.C.	8	7	1	0	51	20	14	
F.C.	10	7	3	0	68	29	14	
I.R.C.	8	3	4	1	27	44	7	
A.T.C.	8	3	4	1	35	35	0	
C.B.A.	6	2	4	0	22	28	4	
P.O.R.C. (1)	8	2	6	0	23	49	4	
J.R.C.	8	1	7	0	23	49	2	
P.O.R.C. (2)	8	1	7	0	14	68	2	
K.I.T.C.	8	0	8	0	7	84	0	

Walter H. Chan, South China's representative on the Council of Hong Kong Football Association, is relinquishing this post as he will be leaving shortly for Malaya.

There were 15 griffins and 26 subscription griffins in the last batch, together with 7 ponies for transhipment to Bangkok. These were, it is understood, for the Government there and were not meant for racing.

The new arrivals look well enough, though it is difficult as yet to judge them as they still have their long coats on. The work of grooming them will commence in the course of the next few days.

The first lot that arrived here some time ago, are being ridden every morning at the Race Course, but will not be drawn for until later in the year, after the third and final consignment for 1942 has arrived.

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

The International Baseball series is due to start on Sunday, August 17. Portugal, winners of the last series, are again entering a team, while China, under "Grandpa" Leung, are now practising hard.

Middlesex Regiment's annual swimming sports were held at European Y.M.C.A. pool yesterday and resulted in a victory for A Company over Headquarters by 54 to 51. B, C and D Companies scored 37, 20 and 14 respectively.

STARTING TIMES AT FANLING

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's starting times for Fanling (Old Course) on Sunday:—

9.20	A. M. Kennedy, R. C. Gairdner
9.24	A. B. Purves, I. H. Gears
9.28	M. A. Cairns, R. K. Colinga
9.32	G. C. Aitkenhead, W. Stoker
9.36	A. E. Lissaman, R. Young
9.40	J. A. Blackwood, W. G. Robertson
9.44	S. L. Lloyd, G. C. Worrall
9.48	D. G. C. Allan, Major Tomple
10.16	J. D. Clague, D. S. Robb
10.20	Brig. Macleod, Major Meek

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POLO CLUB PLANS

Hong Kong Polo Club's activities have been restricted for some time owing to the wet weather, but Capt. L. J. A. Fielden, Hon. Secretary of the Club, states that it is hoped to get the programme really under way early next month, with the Cup competitions starting towards the end of September.

The competitions will probably be opened with games for the Lady Stubbs Cup, but the club's major tournament, the K. O. Y. L. Cup, will not be held until much later, possibly sometime in November.

Asked if there were any new players this season, Capt. Fielden said that he had heard of a few having joined, but owing to the fact that there had been no games

MINIATURE FOOTBALL INTERPORT

Hong Kong Miniature Football Association are staging an Interport match against Macao shortly. The date has not yet been fixed, but the match will be held in Macao between August 16 and 23.

for some time, he could not make any statement about them, adding however, that one of them, Lieut. Comdr. Young, who had played a great deal in Malta, is reported to be a fine player.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL MEETING

A meeting of representatives of the civilian junior clubs affiliated to Hong Kong Football Association will be held this afternoon at the Association's offices at 5.30 p.m.



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BRITISH LOSSES IN GREECE AND CRETE

Full Details Given In House Of Commons

Calm Of Sorts In Bangkok

The simultaneous warnings of Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Cordell Hull against any Japanese move in Thailand made a great impression in Bangkok.

The opinion is generally held that Mr. Hull's statement is good as far as it goes but that a more specific statement is necessary if America is to play an effective part in dispelling the war clouds in the Far East.

A CALM OF SORTS NOW PREVAILS IN THE JAPANESE THAI SITUATION BUT AN UNDERCURRENT OF ANXIETY IS NOT IN THE LEAST ABATED.

The Japanese report that Britain, America and China have protested against Thai's recognition of Manchukuo is denied in Bangkok official circles.

They add that anyway China would not lodge a protest as there are no diplomatic relations between China and Thailand. — Reuter.

BOMBER SCORES

One of the bombers which raided Germany on Wednesday night shot down in flames an enemy fighter which attacked it, says a British Wireless message.

Large Number Missing, Fate Unknown

BRITISH LOSSES in Greece and Crete were detailed by Capt. Margesson, Secretary for War, in the Commons yesterday when he gave information in his possession.

It was not possible yet, he said, to say how many of the missing were prisoners of war.

In Greece, the total British force at the start of the German attack numbered 57,757. Of these 44,865 were evacuated.

The force in Greece at the start of the German attack comprised 24,100 British, of whom 16,442 were evacuated, 17,125 Australians, of whom 14,157 were evacuated, and 16,532 New Zealanders, of whom 14,266 were evacuated.

Crete Losses

In Crete the total force at the start of the German attack numbered 27,550, and 14,580 were evacuated.

Of 14,000 British, 7,130 were evacuated.

Of 6,450 Australians, 2,890 were evacuated.

Of 7,100 New Zealanders, 4,560 were evacuated.

The figures giving the strengths in Crete at the start of the German attack included men evacuated from Greece and not re-evacuated to Egypt before the operations in Crete. — Reuter.

JAPANESE STICK TO STORY

Japan has no designs on Thailand — she is on very good terms with that State," declares the "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

The paper accuses Britain of "raising the Japanese bogey to camouflage her own aggressive intentions for strengthening Singapore through the creation of advance bases at the expense of Thailand."

Mr. Suzuki, well-known editorial commentator of the "Yomiuri Shinbun," writing in the August issue of the journal "Japan," while admitting the "general situation forbids us to deny the possibility of war between Japan and the United States," expresses the view that if America is to extend "effective aid" to Great Britain she will "find it imperative to avoid as far as possible any antagonism of Japan." — Reuter.

FAR EAST DANGER SIGNALS

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is evidence they are preparing more defensive positions.

Japan would have no difficulty in reinforcing its armies in Manchukuo and Korea through Port Arthur and Dalny, but it is pointed out that the Russian army in Siberia is very strong.

The Russian Far East army has a total strength of roughly 1,000,000 men, is composed of the most highly-trained and best-equipped Soviet troops and has good generals.

The Japanese have the disadvantage of having to keep a great part of their military strength in China.

Thailand's Position

They have landed 50,000 men in Indo-China and are occupying eight aerodromes in that country.

Thailand's armed forces total about 50,000 and its equipment is fairly limited, although their air force makes up for its limited size by its quality.

EMPHASIS WAS LAID IN LONDON ON THE BELIEF THAT IF JAPAN ATTEMPTED TO ATTACK SINGAPORE HER RESOURCES WOULD BE TAXED TO THE UTMOST.

Huge sums have been spent on making Singapore more powerful, and the British Air Force there is superior in quality to anything Japan can bring against it. Reinforcements have recently been sent.

The Malay Princes are co-operating enthusiastically in plans for the defence of their country. Burma is now also in a far more favourable position to repel any assailant. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The London press this morning accused Japan of having "two faces" and of conducting a press campaign similar to that which preceded the invasion of French Indo-China.

"The Times" says Japan seems determined to ignore the warnings given her both from London and Washington and to follow her occupation of Indo-China by action against Thailand.

Commenting that the Japanese naval bases at Saigon and Camranh Bay and the air bases in south and west Indo-China are a serious menace to the Philippines, the N.E.I., Burma and British Malaya, and indeed to the whole British and American position in the southern Pacific, "The Times" says this menace will become intolerable if Japan were permitted to establish herself in Thailand.

However anxious the Thai Government may be to preserve its independence, says "The Times," they will hardly feel able to resist the pressure which, to all appearances, Japan is already putting upon them, unless they can count with absolute certainty upon immediate support from Britain and the U.S.

Commenting on reports that people in Hong Kong are convinced Thailand will soon share the fate of Indo-China unless Japan is told in so many words that any further move by her will mean war in the Pacific, "The Times" says that in view of the vital British interests at stake and

the difficulty in ejecting the Japanese once they are allowed to march in, there can be little doubt about that; and public opinion in Britain has so interpreted Mr. Eden's language in this connection.

Remarking that Japan is also moving northward in Manchuria, as a menace against Soviet Russia, "The Times" says it may be that Japan's partners in Berlin would prefer her to take action against Russia as a way of helping the German armies which are finding unsuspected difficulties in their march to Moscow.

But Russia, concludes "The Times," has forces in eastern Siberia likely to prove superior to anything Japan can send against them, and Russian possession of Vladivostok is of such vital importance that a Japanese attack upon it would be as much an attack upon Britain as upon her Russian ally.

The argument that Japan has two faces is made by the London "Daily Telegraph" which says that Japan's official reply to the warnings against a move into Thailand by Mr. Eden and Mr. Cordell Hull is that she has been misunderstood and her intentions are purely peaceful.

Simultaneously, adds the newspaper, the Japanese broadcaster was instructed to tell the Japanese people that war might come at any moment.

"From day to day the press of Japan carries out orders to rage against the United States and Britain now one, now the other being selected as the chief enemy."

"While Japan thus exhibits two faces, Prince Konoye has been holding repeated conferences with the Emperor."

"The peaceful intentions of the militarists who dictated Japan's policy is exhibited by the movement of 50,000 troops into Indo-China and the concentration on the border of Thailand round an airfield within 250 miles of Bangkok." — Reuter.

ROUND THE CLOCK OFFENSIVE

CONTINUING ITS 24-HOUR A DAY OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE LUFTWAFFE IN OCCUPIED FRANCE FIGHTER COMMAND SENT AIRCRAFT DURING THE NIGHT TO ATTACK ENEMY AERODROMES.

Hangars were set on fire and gunposts which tried to interfere were silenced.

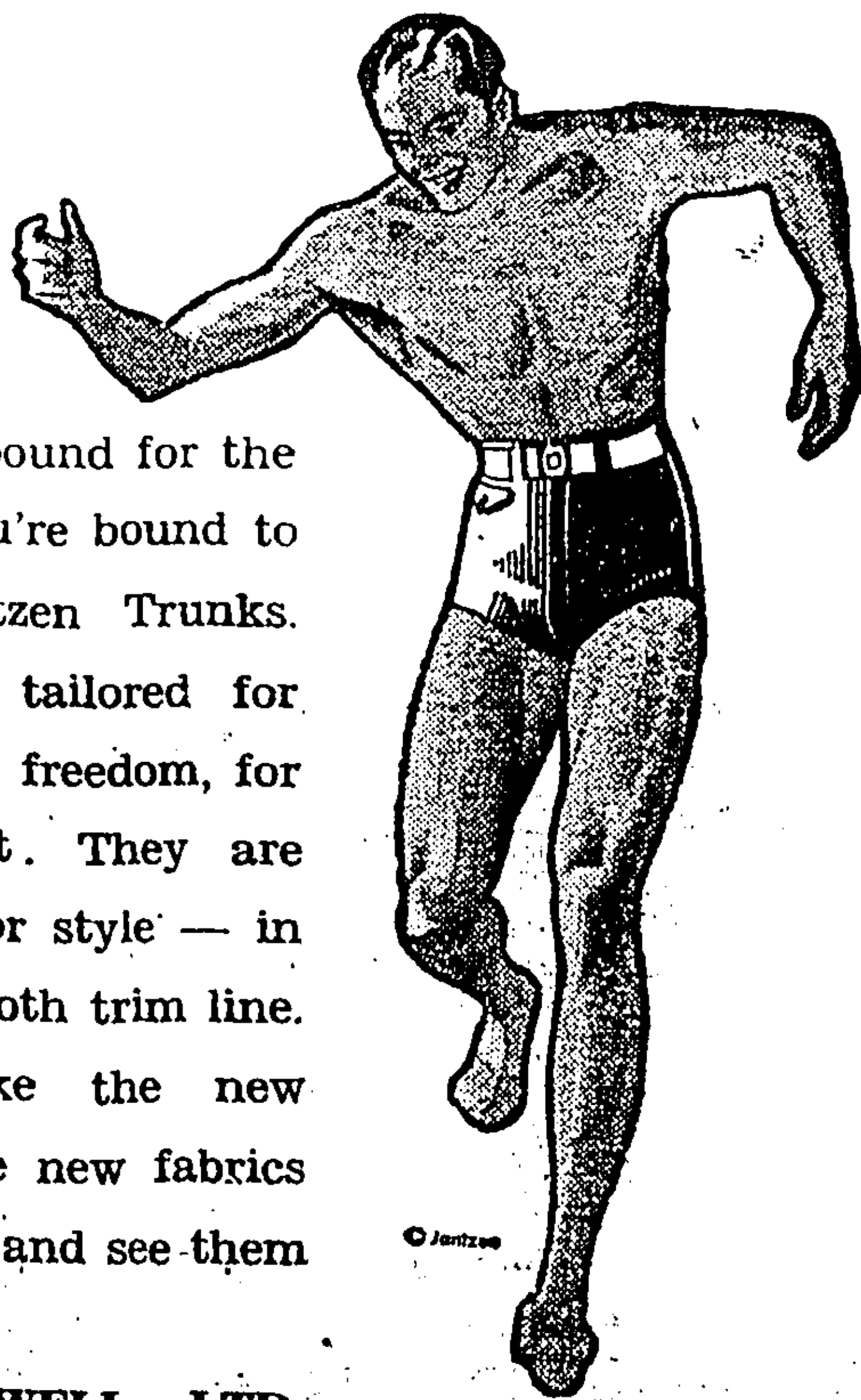
Right up to the last minute of daylight the fighter pilots carried out their offensive sweeps.

One squadron of Spitfires during the afternoon ran into more than 12 ME 109's which were attacking four fighters of another squadron.

Although the ME's immediately broke away two of them were definitely destroyed, one being sent down in flames and the other shot into the sea.

Several other enemy fighters were damaged but the final results of the combat could not be confirmed.

Later it was confirmed that a total of five enemy fighters were destroyed. — British Wireless.



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